

## HONORARY MEDICAL ALUMNUS AWARD

### DR. GRANGER AVERY

**It is a great pleasure to introduce an outstanding individual as our newest Honorary Medical Alumnus, Dr. Granger Avery.**

I can think of at least three reasons he deserves this award, each of which by themselves would be enough, the first being that Granger is a very good doctor. After completing his medical degree in London, UK, he moved to New Zealand for further training. He then came to Port McNeill in 1974 and has been there ever since. Many physicians have come and gone from there, but Granger has remained a constant figure, providing medical care for those in Port McNeill. He has looked after the residents of Port McNeill, served on medical committees and has provided the best care possible for many people.

The second reason as to why Granger is an Honorary Medical Alumnus is because he is a medical leader. Granger has been very active and inspirational and those who have worked with him at the provincial level know that well. He has been a part of the BCMA (now, Doctors of BC), including serving as Chair and President at a time that was absolutely pivotal for forming the way that

medical associations and the government work together. He was also a national medical leader with the Canadian Medical Association.

The third reason was really an amalgamation of the two, as a champion for improvements in rural health care. Granger was involved at the medical association level, tirelessly making sure that the important challenges of rural health care were addressed – politically, provincially, and societally. He took part in rural negotiations and continues today with many important jobs.

Granger has been recognized with many other awards including the Fellowship of Rural and Remote Medicine of the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada, the BCMA Silver Medal of Service award, the Dr. Don Rix Award for Physician Leadership from BCMA and last year the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for services to rural medicine.

He has been passionate, effective, and a gentleman and we are happy to have him join us as an Honorary Medical Alumnus at UBC.

*The speech presented by Marshall Dahl, MD'86 at the MAA Annual General Meeting on May 8, 2014.*



L – R: M. Dahl, MD'86, Dr. G. Avery (Hon.), and J. Burak, MD'76  
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M. Dahl, MD'86 presenting one of the Honorary Medical Alumni awards to Dr. G. Avery (Hon.)  
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