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## Dr. Gary Lobay to receive CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award



Gary Lobay, MD, FRCSC

**DR. GARY LOBAY** has had an exemplary forty three year (and counting!) career in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. As a surgeon, first and foremost was his dedication to patient care. He is an excellent surgeon who always treated his patients with the utmost respect and dignity. He is an innovator whose pioneering work in microsurgical recon-struction

was recognized locally and nationally. However, aside from his role as a physician and surgeon, he was also a dedicated educator and administrator, again leaving his footprint at local and national levels. Over the years, he has mentored countless medical trainees, serving as a role model for many of those who have excelled in their own careers across North America. He ascended to the highest executive levels of his profession serving as the President of many professional organizations. He is admired and respected by patients and colleagues alike.

Dr. Lobay received his medical degree from the University of Alberta in 1968, followed by a Rotating Internship at the Montreal General Hospital. He returned to Edmonton to train in General Surgery from 1969-1971 and then in Plastic and Re-

constructive Surgery. Upon successful completion of his residency, he became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1973. He then embarked on fellowship training, learning the most up-to-date techniques in the emerging field of microsurgery and general reconstructive surgery from some of the plastic surgery giants, including Tord Skoog in Upsala, Sweden and Harry Buncke in San Francisco. In 1975, he returned to his hometown of Edmonton, bringing with him, the trail-blazing techniques he had learned.

At the University of Alberta, Gary Lobay launched the subspecialty field of microsurgery. Soon thereafter, his forte as a surgical innovator was forged as he was faced with a four year old girl who had severed her right arm in a farming accident. With his quick thinking and the mettle to

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## In Memoriam: Winston Parkhill, MD, FRCSC

**BELoved BY MANY**, Dr. Winston Parkhill took pride in his work and cared deeply for his patients, students and colleagues, demonstrating a deep love for teaching and an honest interest in the

lives and well-being of others. He operated at the Infirmiry, VG, IWK and QEII Health Sciences Centre. Winston was the Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery at Dalhousie University, contributed to papers published in scientific journals and gave numerous presentations in the field of plastic surgery. He was a team member of many volunteer medical missions to the Philippines. He was an active member of several professional associations and served as President of the Canadian Society

of Plastic Surgeons and Manus Canada. Winston was a leader in his field.

Winston embraced retirement. He and Mary spent time at the family cottage on Grand Lake (NB) where he loved to dip his paddle in the water for a sunrise canoe down the river. Many will remember their "invitation" after a night of food, drink and country music. He especially enjoyed early

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attempt something which had not been done before, he successfully replanted the arm, considered the first surgery of its kind in Western Canada and one of the first in the country. Locally, he also performed the first digital replants, first free tissue transfers, and first microsurgical nerve repairs and Edmonton soon became recognized as a microsurgical centre of excellence for the Prairie Provinces. These initial procedures required patience, skill and a certain degree of courage, as they had never been performed before in the city. The patients who were recipients of these surgeries benefitted immeasurably from his innovation and expertise.

As an educator, Gary mentored innumerable medical students and residents over the years, garnering a reputation of excellence in teaching and clinical skill. He was an enthusiastic teacher who was patient, kind and very keen to see trainee's surgical skills develop with an evident sense of pride. He also taught his trainees how to be good doctors, not just surgeons, by using their entire range of medical training to clinical advantage. He stressed the importance of bedside manner and actively promoted informed consent and patient education. Under his guidance, the quality of teaching in the Plastic Surgery Residency Program at the University of Alberta was reflected by the absence of a single failure at the Royal College exam for a consecutive period of over 35 years! At this level, Gary also served as the Chief Examiner for Plastic Surgery at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

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Gary was a member of many local, national and international professional Societies. As an administrator, he was President of Medical Staff at both the University and Charles Camsell Hospitals in Edmonton, a member of the Medical Advisory Board at the University Hospital, and served as a member of a number of committees at each institution. He was also the Divisional Director of Plastic Surgery at the University of Alberta for 18 years, throughout which he oversaw the field in Edmonton from a clinical and academic perspective. Professionally, he served on the Board of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons and the Educational Foundation, ultimately becoming President of each. Along the way, he also served as President for Manus Canada and GAM Canada.

Dr. Lobay will be awarded the CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award at the President's Banquet on the evening of June 28, 2019 in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador.

morning games of cribbage with his grandchildren. After breakfast, there was always a project to do with labour, opinions and planning drawn from those conscripted. Winston enjoyed the special peace that doing a quiet project in the shed brought. Woodworking was a passion his whole life and, in recent years, he developed his carving skills. Winston and Mary enjoyed many trips including winters in Florida. He always looked forward to spending time with the members of the Eager Beaver Investment Club and his book club.



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73rd Annual Meeting  
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## CANADIAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS

### 73<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

June 25-29, 2019

Delta Hotel, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

### Scientific Program Highlights

**Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** > *Canadian Society for Surgery of the Hand (CSSH) meeting*

**Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

- > *GAM Canada Annual Meeting Invited Speaker:* Dr. Andrea Pusic
- > *FACE (Forum for the Advancement of Craniofacial Expertise)*
- > *Educational Foundation Symposium: **Firsts in Plastic Surgery – Pushing the Frontiers of Transplantation*** – Dr. Richard Redett, Dr. Daniel Borsuk

**Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

- > *Eye Opener: **Injectables in Plastic Surgery***- Dr. Matthew Mosher
- > *Canadian Expert: **First Canadian Face Transplant*** - Dr. Daniel Borsuk
- > *Canadian Expert: **Women for Women Surgical Humanitarian Missions***- Dr. Toni Zhong
- > *Canadian Expert: **Nasal and Zygoma Fractures*** – Dr. Jeffrey Fialkov
- > *A.W. Farmer Lecture:* Dr. Paul Cederna
- > *Young Plastic Surgeons Symposium Invited Speaker:* Dr. Andrea Pusic
- > *8<sup>th</sup> Annual Plastic Surgery Nurses Symposium*

**Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

- > *Eye Opener: **Local Flaps Revisited*** – Dr. Tom Hayakawa
- > *CSPS Invited Speaker: **The Patient Perspective in Plastic Surgery*** - Dr. Andrea Pusic
- > *Residents Meet the Professor: – **From Fish Farmer to Pediatric Plastic Surgeon: how serendipity, perseverance and mentors shape our careers*** - Dr. Richard Redett

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

- > *Panel: **BIA-ALCL — A Broad Perspective on the Current State of Play*** - Moderator: Dr. Howard Clarke; Panelists: P Lennox, R Harrop, J Bell, M Mosher, R Bendor-Samuel, WB Callaghan
- > *Canadian Expert: **Photography in Plastic Surgery***- Dr. Geoffrey Cook
- > *Canadian Expert: **Moh's Surgery*** - Dr. Bryce Cowan
- > **Beyond the Knife**