

Dr. Claude Roy, MD was a great supporter of nutrition in Canada and beloved member of the CNS. He is highly regarded as one of the early pioneers in paediatric gastroenterology. An outstanding clinician, teacher and researcher, Dr. Roy greatly contributed to the metamorphosis of Ste-Justine Hospital into the internationally renowned paediatric university hospital it is seen as today.

After completing his medical degree at l'Université Laval and paediatric training at McGill and Harvard, he spent six years at the University of Colorado. His research contributions are in the areas of infant nutrition, metabolism of bile acids and fatty acids, chronic liver disease in infants and Cystic Fibrosis. Along with his colleague and friend, Dr. Arnie Silverman, he published the first textbook of the nascent subspecialty which is still today, after its 4th edition, regarded as the "Bible of the Subspecialty."

Upon his return to Canada, Dr. Roy became Director of Research at Ste-Justine. As head of the GI service, he emphasized the importance of integrating a strong research component to a training program which, over the years, trained more than 60 paediatric gastroenterologists scattered over three continents. As Chair of paediatrics, he led the charge for the recruitment of a number of clinician scientists and convinced the authorities that the future of the hospital would be played out in the research area. He was most recently Associate Director of its Research Centre.

Dr. Roy received an Honorary doctorate from the Université de Genève in 2003 and was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1990. He was a tremendous individual and will be greatly missed. He was a kind and generous individual who gave much of himself. His wisdom and thoughtfulness were sought by many. Dr. Roy passed away in July 2015, but left a wonderful legacy that continues on.