In Memory of Dora Kohen

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Dora Kohen trained both in neurology and psychiatry. She contributed enormously to British medicine. Sadly she died prematurely. In so many ways Dora was a breath of fresh air, in both clinical and academic circles. She frequently challenged orthodox accepted viewpoints but did so in a manner that was always friendly and never condescending. She had a capacity to view the obvious from a not so obvious perspective. When she put forward a view she made others sit up and take note. She ascribed to the philosophy that nothing should be accepted, simply because it always had been. If something could be done in a more effective, but less traditional manner, then so be it.

She had a resourceful, robust personality and always stood up for what she believed. In a conservative profession, as is medicine, that is not always an easy path, but Dora never took the path of least resistance. She always took the road

she considered was right. There were occasions when diverting and turning a blind eye would have avoided personal stress, but selling-out was not part of her agenda.

As a clinician with a background in both neurology and psychiatry she was superb. Patients loved her and she was always prepared to go the extra mile on their behalf. She had clinical skill few could match.

If one was to attribute a single characteristic to Dora it would be optimism. Whatever difficulties she faced, right to the end, she took an optimistic viewpoint. She always believed that things would work out for the best.

To her husband Karabey and her beloved daughter Cemile her loss is inestimable. Those of us who knew her well have lost a very dear friend.

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