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Andrea Farkas Patenaude, PhD: 1946–2018

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A pioneer in early psychosocial care for children undergoing bone marrow transplant (BMT) and their families in the 1970s and 1980s and later in survivorship care and cancer genetics, Andrea Farkas Patenaude, PhD, was an internationally renowned clinician-scientist who had a significant impact on the field of pediatric psycho-oncology. Dr. Patenaude received her undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Chicago and her doctorate from Michigan State University. She interned in the Department of Psychiatry of The Children's Hospital, Boston, and remained in Boston, holding positions at Children's Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI), and Brigham and Women's Hospital. She was an associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

During Dr. Patenaude's early career, she developed the psychosocial consultation model for BMT patients and their families. For more than a decade, she consulted with BMT patients and their families at Boston Children's Hospital and the Brigham and Women's Hospital. She was the director of the Jimmie Fund Clinic of the DFCI Pediatric Psychology Program from 2000 to 2011.

Dr. Patenaude had been a member of the Children's Oncology Group (COG) since it began in 2000. She played a pivotal role in the establishment of a new Behavioral Science Committee within COG, serving on the steering committee of this new committee and also the COG Bioethics committee. Her role on these two steering committees ensured solid communications between these two COG committees and she co-authored several peer reviewed manuscripts in *Pediatric Blood and Cancer* focusing on a vision for behavioral science research in pediatric oncology.

Dr. Patenaude held leadership positions in many professional organizations and participated in numerous NIH Working Groups and task forces. She chaired the American Psychological Association's Presidential Committee on Caregiving, served on the editorial boards of *Pediatric Blood and Cancer* (from 2007 to 2016) and *Children's Health Care and Psycho-Oncology*, and chaired the Harvard Medical School Joint Committee on the Status of Women (2007–2008) and the Harvard University Milton Fund (2011–2017), which provides support for Harvard junior faculty across the university.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

Dr. Patenaude also co-chaired the Pediatrics Special Interest Group for the International Psychosocial Oncology Society (IPOS); and was a member of the Scientific Committee of the International Society for Pediatric Oncology (SIOP). Dr. Patenaude took an active role on the IPOS Human Rights Task Force. Recently, as Chair of the Task Force, she coordinated collaborative efforts between IPOS and SIOP to increase awareness about human rights abuses involving the treatment of cancer in children around the world, and particularly in Africa. From 2012 to the present, Dr. Patenaude was a key member of the leadership group that led to the development of 15 Pediatric Psychosocial Standards of Care, some of the most downloaded papers in the journal *Pediatric Blood and Cancer*, and she was working on implementation strategies with the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation.

Throughout her career, Dr. Patenaude lectured on every continent except Antarctica; authored over 70 peer-reviewed articles and numerous book chapters; and co-edited two editions of the *Quick Reference for Pediatric Oncology Clinicians: The Psychiatric and Psychological Dimensions of Cancer Symptom Management*. She was a gifted writer and a diligent and careful editor.

While promoting psychosocial research, Dr. Patenaude was a clinician at heart. She supported the use of patient-reported outcome measures but emphasized the importance of the clinical interview. Dr. Patenaude was an exceptional mentor to psychologists, medical students, pediatric oncology fellows, and early career pediatric oncologists. Her leadership and original contributions to the field of psychosocial pediatric oncology were complemented by her tremendous warmth, quiet manner, wisdom, honesty, compassion, and ability to address pertinent questions, that went right to the heart of the issue, and that others found uncomfortable to explore.

Dr. Patenaude has been the recipient of many awards including the Noemi Fisman Award for Lifetime Clinical Excellence from the International Psycho-Oncology Society in 2013; a Presidential Citation from the American Psychological Association; the Rosalee G. Weiss Award from the American Psychological Foundation (1999); and the 50th Anniversary Scholars in Medicine Award from Harvard Medical School (2000).

In addition to what Dr. Patenaude has given to the field of psycho-oncology, she was a cherished wife, beloved mother, loving sister, gourmet cook, gracious and inclusive colleague, and generous friend—the first to send flowers to a friend or colleague who was ill or sad. Andrea Farkas Patenaude retired from the DFCI on August 31, 2017 after more than 40 years of service to the cancer care community. She died peacefully on January 29, 2018 surrounded by her family. We will miss her warm presence and contagious smile. Her contributions to the field of pediatric psycho-oncology will live on for generations.