



Dear WBMT colleague:

Though some of you may already know this, it is with great sadness that I report that the global hematopoietic stem cell transplant community - and the many patients who have benefitted from this procedure - lost Dr. E. Donnall Thomas Saturday. He is often acknowledged as the father of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and we, along with our patients worldwide, owe him tribute and respect for successes and progress since his early research days of the 1950s. A dedicated scientist, he was awarded the Nobel Peace prize for his important work that solidly established the foundation for our own continued efforts towards making hematopoietic stem cell transplantation a durable and safer treatment modality.

For many of us, he was our teacher and scientific father. He formed our approach to scientific problems and helped us in understanding stem cell transplantation. We will keep him in our heart with enormous gratitude and will let Dottie know that we are very close to her.

This link shares more details of his work and contributions to the field:
http://seattletimes.com/html/business/technology/2019485178_thomasobit21m.html.

Sincerely and sadly,

Paula for Dietger Niederwieser, President of WBMT for the Executive Committee.
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