

# Dr. Gregory R. Mundy In Memoriam

The Paget Foundation mourns the death of Dr. Gregory R. Mundy who died on February 25, 2010. Dr. Mundy was an acknowledged leader and pioneer in the bone metastasis field. The great achievements in research and high level of interest in this field can be directly attributed to his leadership and vision.

Dr. Mundy served as Chairperson for many Paget Foundation bone metastasis conferences including the IX International Conference on Cancer Induced Bone Disease which took place in October 2009, in conjunction with the Cancer and Bone Society. His outstanding keynote address at the conference set the tone for the excellent science and open communication that were the hallmark of the conference.



At the time of his death, Dr. Mundy was the director of the Vanderbilt Center in Bone Biology and the John A. Oates Chair in Translational Medicine and Professor of Medicine, Pharmacology, Orthopaedics and Cancer Biology.

Before coming to Vanderbilt in 2006, Dr. Mundy was professor of Cellular and Structural Biology at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas. He was also assistant dean for Clinical Research and principal investigator of the Frederic C. Barter Clinical Research Unit, as well as interim director of the San Antonio Cancer Institute.

Dr. Mundy was a highly acknowledged educator, having trained more than 150 post-doctoral fellows, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia and industry.

His research interests encompassed a broad range of bone related areas in addition to his interest in bone metastasis, including osteoporosis and osteoclast and osteoblast biology. He published more than 540 original articles, reviews and book chapters, and served as editor of two books and other publications.

Dr. Mundy was an inventor on 34 issued patents and founded two biotechnology companies for drug discovery for bone disease and two companies in other areas.

Among the many leadership roles he held were serving as president of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR), the International Bone and Mineral Society (IBMS) and the Cancer and Bone Society (CABS). He was one of the three founders of the Cancer and Bone Society. He also served on the board of directors of the National Osteoporosis Society and was a member of the advisory council of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS).

Dr. Mundy received many prestigious awards including the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research's Fuller Albright and William F. Neuman Awards, an NIH Merit Award and the University of Texas Presidential Distinguished Scholars Award.

His memberships included the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians as well as the ASBMR and IBMS. He served on many editorial boards including the Journal of Biological Chemistry, Journal of NIH Research, Journal of Bone and Mineral Research, Journal of Clinical Endocrinology, Bone, Calcified Tissue International and the virtual journal, BoneKey.

Dr. Mundy is survived by his wife of 44 years, Helen, his children, Gavin, Ben and Jennifer and his sister, Jan Tarrant.

He will be fondly remembered by the bone community as a great leader, scientist and teacher. The Paget Foundation benefited greatly from his outstanding participation in our work.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation to the Greg Mundy Memorial Fund in Clinical Pharmacology. Contributions may be made online at [www.vanderbilthealth.com/giving](http://www.vanderbilthealth.com/giving) or mailed to Greg Mundy Memorial Fund, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Gift Processing Office, PMB 407727, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240-7727.