

Professor John Manley Carter 1950 - 2021

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Attended Wellesley 1956 - 1962



Born 5th September 1950, John attended Wellesley for years 1-8. He then attended Scots College, where he was head prefect. John graduated from Otago University with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1975.

As well as being an active physician, John was also an outstanding teacher and researcher. He published more than 75 research papers and was regularly awarded the best lecturer award at the Wellington clinical school.

Instrumental in establishing the New Zealand Blood Service, he co-authored the Carter Marshall Report, with Keith Marshall, recommending the creation of the national service.

He then served on the initial board, chairing it from 2002-04. He also helped establish the NZ Bone Marrow Transplant Registry with the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Board.

In the mid-1990s, he was appointed to the clinical lead role for haematology at Wellington Hospital, a position he held until 2018. John had close involvement with the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research and was its kind deputy chair. John was also a member of many professional medical organisations, including the Health Research Council, the Blood Transfusion Service, and the Cancer Society's Wellington Division.

His service to haematology at a national level was recognised when he was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2011.

Sadly, John passed away on 2 June 2021, peacefully, surrounded by his family. He is survived by wife Helen and his children Rachel, Michael and Peter.

His funeral was one of the biggest seen in Wellington for some years, with tributes from around New Zealand and overseas.

Our most heartfelt sympathies go out to John's family, from the staff and boys at Wellesley.

