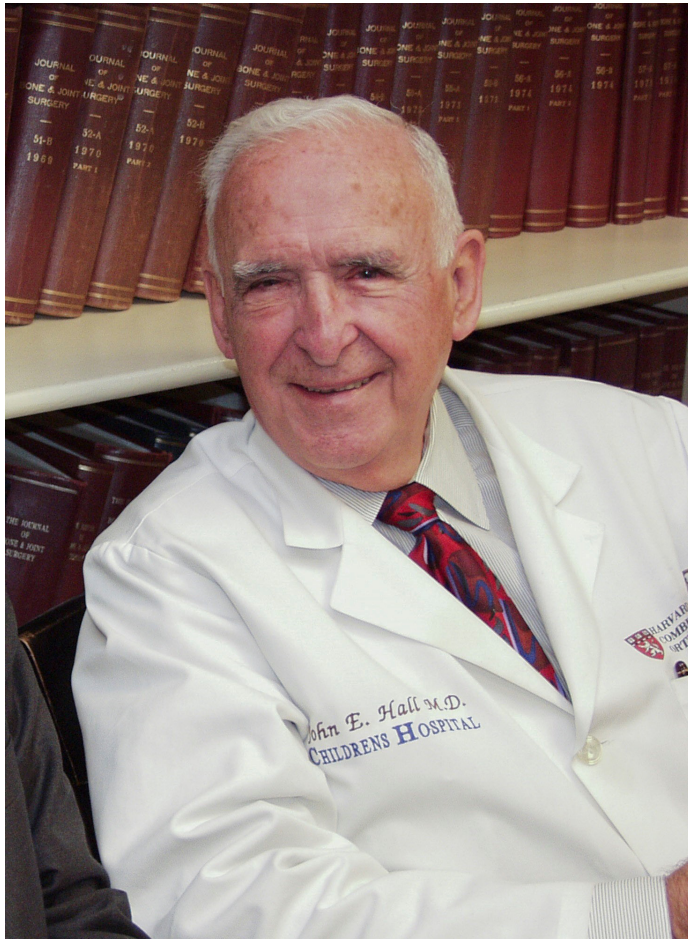




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John E. Hall



Dr. John Emmett Hall was the former Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, mentor and dear friend to so many of us. Dr. Hall grew up in Saskatchewan, Canada, where his father, Emmett Hall, was Chief Justice of the Queens Bench before being appointed to the Canadian Supreme Court. Dr. Hall used to make us laugh saying that his father helped him move to the US because Emmett Hall's Commission findings in 1964 were instrumental in establishing the national public health care system in Canada. Dr. Hall came to us in 1971 from the Hospital for Sickkids in Toronto and we were grateful to his father every day he was with us. Not surprising, like his father, Dr. Hall was a man of social justice.

Dr. Hall served as the Chief of Clinical Orthopedics at Boston Children's Hospital from 1971-1981 and then the Orthopaedic Surgeon in Chief from 1986-1994. His career is highlighted by numerous accomplishments not limited to:

being instrumental in establishing internal fixation in scoliosis surgery, significant advances in anterior scoliosis surgery, being the co-founder of the Scoliosis Research Society and its second President, President of the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America, being the co-founder of the Boston Brace System with William Miller, and establishing coordinated care for non-operative scoliosis treatment. His surgical skills were unparalleled and his vision was far reaching, establishing our specialized hip and sports medicine programs. The Harvard Medical School John E. Hall Professorship in Orthopaedic Surgery established in 1998 by his colleagues, patients, friends, grateful families and major donor Phyllis Miller Brewer, is in recognition of his greatness.

Dr. Hall was a giant of a man in intellect, judgment, and leadership. Affectionately known as Big John

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or “BJ”, his influence was and still is extensive worldwide. Of note, he served as an RAF fighter pilot in World War II and upon his return, pursued his academic training at McGill University, The Royal National Orthopedic Hospital in London and finished at the University of Toronto where he stayed on staff until coming to Children’s in 1971. All of us remember him as a man, a surgeon, a doctor who changed our lives. We were lucky to be mentored by him.

Most importantly, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife Frankie, by only a few weeks which indicates the depth of their love and devotion to one another.

Respectfully submitted,

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