

## In Memoriam

### Pediatric surgeon, Dr. Altman

A pediatric surgeon well-known for his contributions in the field of hepatobiliary surgery in infants, pediatric surgical oncology, and surgical education and mentorship, **R. Peter Altman, M.D.**, FAAP, of New York, died July 27 at age 77.



Dr. Altman

Most recently, he was the Rudolph N. Schullinger Professor Emeritus of Pediatric Surgery (in surgery and pediatrics) at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Prior to this, he served as physician-in-chief for the New York-Presbyterian Children's Health System and surgeon-in-chief at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital (formerly Babies & Children's Hospital of New York).

Dr. Altman served an internship at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, trained in general surgery at Tufts-New England Medical Center and completed his training in pediatric surgery in 1969 at Children's Hospital National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

Past president of the American Pediatric Surgical Association, he served on the Residency Review Committee for Surgery for the American College of Surgeons.

In 2008, he received the AAP Section on Surgery's Arnold M. Salzberg Mentorship Award. Dr. Altman guided more than 40 pediatric surgeons through training, many into leadership roles as division chiefs and chairmen. He was a member of the AAP Section on Surgery.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and four grandchildren.