

## In Memory of Dr. Edward Nickoloff

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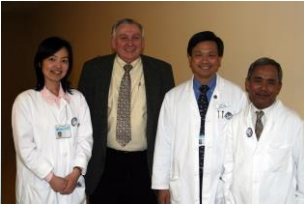
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- It is a privilege to be asked to speak at an AAPM annual meeting for Dr. Nickoloff
- Many of you are likely familiar with the myriad of Ed Nickoloff's accomplishments and his enormous influence on medical physics, one that will now serve as his legacy



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- As a young physicist over thirty years ago, I could never have foreseen the friendship that would grow out of my working relationship with Ed
- But I knew from the very beginning how lucky I was to learn from such a consummate professional who was as compassionate and kind as he was intelligent and meticulous.

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- **When I first entered the world of medical physics, I had no idea what to expect of a boss**
- **Almost everyone I knew painted the image of a boss who is unapproachable and distant**

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- **It took me quite a while to realize that the exact opposite was true with Ed.**
- **All my colleagues will agree that Dr. Nickoloff was humble, kind and humorous**



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- **I remember when I first saw Dr Nickoloff, he initiated the conversation by extending his hand and saying, I am Ed Nickoloff**
- **His handshake was firm and strong. He spoke with confidence and charisma**
- **As time went by, I began to know him better and what he values most, people**
- **To him colleagues are like his family**
- **He clearly knew that everyone plays an important role**

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- His philosophy of placing the needs and comfort of patient at the center of his work served as a model that I continue to strive to emulate
- His legacy, for me and all those who worked closely with him, was also his warmth

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- His famous word was, “you don’t work for me, you work with me”
- Those words still ring in my years today
- He always did his best to pull everyone together to build the group as a team to make everyone feel that they were an important part of the department

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I sincerely miss him!

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