

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

Avedis Donabedian



Early Life

Avedis was born in Beirut (Lebanon). His father qualified as a doctor at the American University of Beirut and Avedis followed in his father's footsteps gaining his medical degree from the same university.



Early Career

Donabedian received his MD in 1944 and subsequently worked at the English Mission Hospital in Jerusalem. In 1948 he moved to the American University of Beirut.



Later Career

In the 1950s Donabedian seized an opportunity to study epidemiology and health services administration at Harvard. He spent the remainder of his career in the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.



Philosophies

Donabedian rapidly became interested in the evaluation of healthcare. His 1966 article *Evaluating the quality of medical care* famously divided the quality of healthcare measures into structure, process and outcome. All used in audit.



Academia

Donabedian wrote 11 books and over 100 articles during his lifetime. His three volume trilogy book-set on the *Explorations in quality and assessment and monitoring* (1980-85) represents a significant achievement.



Awards

Donabedian received the Baxter American Foundation Health Services Research Prize in 1986. He was also awarded the Dean Conley Award in 1969 and the George Welch Medal by the American Medical Association in 1976.