

# Pioneers in Hand Surgery

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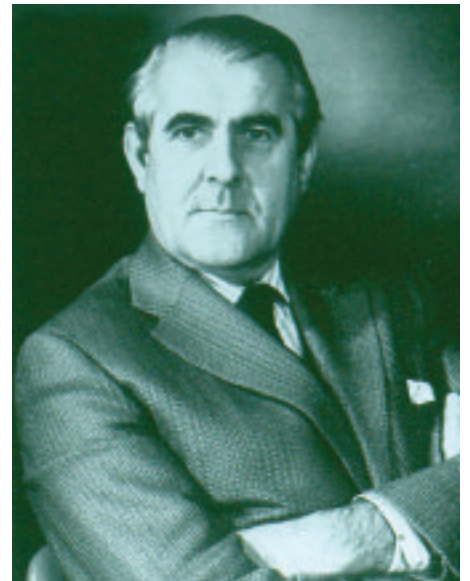
Douglas Lamb, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, received his M.B. and Ch.B. degree from the University of Edinburgh. He was a Surgeon Lieutenant in the Royal Navy from 1945 to 1947 and became a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1948. Following two years of general surgery training at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, he completed his orthopaedic surgery training at the University of Edinburgh, Royal Infirmary and Princess Margaret Rose Orthopaedic Hospital (1950-1960) where he later served as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon (1960-1988). In 1959, he did an orthopaedic surgery fellowship at the Rancho Los Amigos Orthopaedic Hospital and a hand surgery fellowship with Dr Joseph Boyes in Los Angeles, California.

Lamb's appointments with the British Society for Surgery of the Hand have included Founder Member (1969), Honorary Secretary (1969 to 1976), President (1976 to 1977), Member of Council (1978 to 1992), Chairman of the Education and Training Committee (1986 to 1991), and Delegate to the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand. He has chaired the IFSSH Committees on Rehabilitation – Prosthetics/Orthotics (1979 to 1989) and on Congenital Abnormalities (1979 to 1992), and has been the President of this prestigious Federation

from 1989 to 1992. Mr. Lamb has been a member of the Overseas Examination Teams to Malaysia, Burma, Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia. He has served the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh as Member of Council (1978 to 1988), Director of Overseas Doctors Training Scheme (1988 to 1990), and examiner in anatomy, surgery and orthopaedic surgery.

Lamb is a fellow of the British Orthopaedic Association and Honorary Member of the American, French, South African, and Scandinavian Societies for Surgery of the Hand. His impressive career as a hand surgeon, organiser, educator and author has included appointments as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Upper Limb and Hand Series (Churchill Livingstone), member of the Editorial Committees of the Journal of Hand Surgery (British Volume) and of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia.

He has organised the Annual Instructional Course in Surgery of the Hand at the Princess Margaret Rose Orthopaedic Hospital for the past 15 years. He gave the Founder Lecture of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (1975), the Charles Bell lecture (1981), and the Mason Brown Memorial Lecture (1983) at the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and the Hugh Owen Thomas Lecture at the University of Liverpool (1984). He received the Farquharson Award for



Teaching Anatomy from the Royal College of Surgeons (1984) and the Lawrence Poole Prize for Rehabilitation from the University of Edinburgh (1983).

Lamb has published a number of books on the practice of hand surgery, including paralysis, trauma, flexor tendon injuries and upper limb deficiencies in children.