



## In Memoriam

### Lorie Fitzpatrick MD — 1954–2023

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We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Lorraine (Lorie) Anne Fitzpatrick, MD, on February 22, 2023, at the age of 69. Dr. Fitzpatrick's contributions to the bone field were many. Her important work as a physician, researcher, and scientific editor, and later her leadership in industry, all served to benefit patients with chronic diseases and especially osteoporosis. Dr. Fitzpatrick was also the Chair of the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF) Committee of Corporate Advisors from 2016 to 2018, a position that she served with distinction.

Dr. Fitzpatrick received a B.S. in Molecular Biology from Wellesley College in 1976 and her medical degree from the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago in 1980. She began her 35-year interest in bone health and clinical research at the Mayo Clinic from 1989 to 2004, where she was the first female full physician. Her focus was

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on the bone microarchitecture research laboratory. She was an outstanding educator, sought for her ability to explain complex osteoporosis concepts to professional organizations and non-medical staff.

As a physician, Dr. Fitzpatrick most recently served as Chief Medical Officer of Radius Health, Inc., from July 2015 until her retirement on March 31, 2019. She then worked as a medical consultant for the past four years. Prior to that, she held director positions at GlaxoSmith-Kline from August 2006 to July 2015 and Amgen Inc. from 2004 to 2006. Both positions focused on her love of osteoporosis and oncology and involved a vast array of responsibilities, such as ensuring the ethical care and treatment of subjects in various clinical trials and submitting accurate data to international regulatory agencies for review and approval of experimental medications. She was instrumental in securing the approval of several drugs for patients with chronic, debilitating diseases, helping to improve their lives.

Dr. Fitzpatrick volunteered her medical training and expertise at the National Center for Research Resources, National Institute of Health, on the Advocacy Committee

of the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research, and as Chair and member of the Public Communications Committee and the Media Relations Steering Committee of The Endocrine Society. She also served on the Advisory Committee for the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health.

Her editorial achievements include serving as Associate Editor for The Mayo Clinic Proceedings and the American Medical Association Scientific Advisory Board: Osteoporosis Guidelines. She authored or collaborated on 268 peer-reviewed scientific articles or papers, including single chapters in endocrinology textbooks. Lorie prepared five extensive monographs and associated materials, and she authored 13 editorial reviews of bone or endocrine scientific data.

Lorie Fitzpatrick's many colleagues in the bone field will remember her as a compassionate physician and outstanding researcher, author, educator, and advocate for patients. She will be greatly missed, and always remembered.

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