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## Mubarak Ahmad Chaudhry

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Mubarak Ahmad Chaudhry (“Mobi”) was born in London in 1965. As a young boy he migrated with his family to his ancestral home of Lahore in Pakistan, where he attended St Anthony’s High School, a prestigious institution that counted two of Pakistan’s former prime ministers among its alumni. He was a distinguished student and returned to England for his sixth form years before reading medicine at St John’s College, Cambridge.

Mobi had a long held interest in cardiothoracic surgery from his early medical school days, which he nurtured through an encyclopaedic knowledge of the specialty. On graduating in 1991, he undertook junior clinical and research posts in the specialty in Southampton, Glasgow, and Newcastle before settling in the Yorkshire Deanery for his formative cardiothoracic training. He was always considered an exemplary trainee by his mentors and progressed rapidly through rotations at Castle Hill Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary before undertaking a transplant fellowship in Newcastle. Although he was persuaded to join as a senior specialist

in a number of high profile centres across the country on completing his training, he decided to settle for the idyllic town of Cottingham, which had always held a special place in his heart as a young surgeon and where he became a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at Castle Hill Hospital in 2007.

At Castle Hill Hospital, and the peripheral outpatient departments he covered in Yorkshire and Humberside, he was much loved by his patients and their families. They would look forward to meeting him and his delightful smile at their follow-up appointments. He was a meticulous surgeon who never cut corners. Always considered a father figure to his trainees (I had the good fortune to be counted as one), he would push us to our limits to pursue and achieve perfection. Although he excelled in most aspects of adult cardiac surgery, his main passion was mitral valve surgery, a refined niche, which he executed with elegance, producing high quality long term results.

He was a favourite among theatre and ward staff at Castle Hill Hospital because of his kind and gentle nature, wit, charm, and dedication to his work. He was a calming influence in times of adversity and a natural leader who retained a dignified humility.

He formed a strong collaboration with his colleague and close friend Mahmoud Loubani, in setting up and overseeing numerous successful research projects and trials in Castle Hill Hospital. He was deeply involved in education both at the Yorkshire Deanery where he was deputy training programme director, and at Hull York Medical School, where he was a supervisor for medical students. He was an active and enthusiastic member of the Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery where his selfless commitment was widely respected. At the society his positions included the national cardiac surgery tutor and he was one of the founding members of the highly successful structured training courses designed for national trainees a decade ago that still run today.

Outside of work, he was a religious man and a strong supporter of his faith community at Scunthorpe.

He leaves his wife, Riffat, whom he loved very much. He also leaves three children—Maryam, Ammar, and Aleena—who collectively were the apple of his eye.

Consultant cardiac surgeon Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham (b 1965; q Cambridge University, 1991), died suddenly from a myocardial infarction on 15 June 2023