



1983-1985: B.B (Bernard) Mandell.

MB,BCh(Wits), FRCS(Eng)

Born in 1927.

Bernard Mandell graduated in Medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) in 1952. After receiving surgical and orthopaedic training in South Africa and the UK, he was admitted to the FRCS in 1959. He served as Senior Surgeon to the Chamber of Mines Hospital in Johannesburg in 1964 and 1965, before moving to Welkom in 1966. There he entered private practice while serving as Senior Consultant Surgeon and Head of Department at the Anglo-American, Rand Mines and Gencor Hospitals.

On retirement in 1992, he was appointed Principal Surgeon and Head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Cecilia Makiwane Hospital in the Eastern Cape.

Throughout his career, he showed a unique flair for organization and leadership. A calm and adroit chairman, he served on the Executive Committee of the SAOA from 1969 and was elected President in 1983. Meanwhile, outside orthopaedics, he was elected Branch Councillor of the Goldfields Branch of the SA Medical Association in 1968, and became its President in 1972. He was elected Federal Councillor of the SA Medical Association from 1973, member of its Executive Committee from 1984, and Chairman of Federal Council from 1987 to 1998. He added luster to the name of South African Medicine when he was elected to serve as President of the World Medical Association from 1996 to 1997. Back home, he was honoured by being elected First President of the post-Apartheid South African Medical Association from 1998 to 2001.

He was Guest Speaker or delivered keynote addresses at 19 meetings at home and abroad, and delivered four eponymous lectures including the First G.T. du Toit Lecture to his own Association.

His honours include the Bronze and Gold Medals of the Medical Association of South Africa, the Gold Medal of the British Medical Association, and Merit Award and Life Membership of the SA Orthopaedic Association.

In 2003 he was awarded the Past President Gold Medal. by the SA Medical Association.

He was awarded the SAOA Medal in 2010