

A tribute To DR. L.N. VORA



Dr. L.N.VORA

I had the privilege of working under Dr. L.N.Vora as a registrar. He was a teacher and guide par excellence. What struck me was his spirit of punctuality, dedication and love to teach.

Discipline and punctuality: Dr.Vora would take a detailed round every Monday. So we had to prepare thoroughly for the same, which meant that our Sunday, was often sacrificed to ensure preparation. At the stroke of 9am, Dr.Vora was punctually in our midst. As he entered ward perfectly clad in spotless white safari, a shiver ran down every spine. His keen eye would spot everything from an improperly made bed to wrongly applied splints, plasters given, positioning, indoor patients files and Xrays. He would pick up on that till he found perfection. This strait has stood me in great stead in my own professional career as a teacher.

Clinical acumen and teaching: Dr. Vora was an excellent clinician and teacher with very good bedside manners. He would make the diagnosis watching the patient at a distance from the gait of the patient. Gait was his favourite topic and he could demonstrate every pathological gait with humour and laughter from all his students. Dr. Vora would pin you down to minute details on any topic as his knowledge of the subject, was thorough and upto date. Dr. Vora was a skilful surgeon and his favourite surgery was laminectomy and Austin Moore Replacement. He could tear you apart in surgical steps of a procedure or when he took a class on instruments, ensuring that one had to be well read and knowledgeable in his presence.

Fantastic Organiser: Dr.Vora organised the silver jubilee of the IOA and SICOT conference and would look into the minutest details of the organisational aspects and would have a checklist so that all efforts put would not go in vain.

Role in BOS: Dr. Vora was a strong pillar of the BOS. No accounts were passed unless he saw it in great details in collaboration with the auditor. So every AGM would be a moment of great discomfort to the treasurer, when he pointed out the discrepancies even to the extent of every last paisa. Under his leadership, as a President of BOS, Dr.Vora took great pains in revising the BOS constitution and brought it upto date.

Favourite food and place: My memory of Dr.Vora is his delight as he ate with a smile and laughter the humble batata wada. I believe too, his favourite place for many years was Orthopaedic centre KEMH. Long live the memories of my respected teacher, Sir L N Vora. May his soul rest in peace.

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