

GILBERT R. THOMPSON MD, FRCP

Biography



Gilbert Thompson was born in 1932 and educated at Downside and St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London, where he qualified in 1956. After military service he joined the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, London in 1963 where he remained for most of his career except for periods spent at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston (1966-7), the Methodist Hospital, Houston (1972-3) and the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal (1981-2), where he was Visiting Professor and recipient of the Lucien Award. He was also Visiting Professor at the Mayo Clinic in 1997. He led the Medical Research Council Lipoprotein Team at Hammersmith until his retirement in 1998 and was Professor of Clinical Lipidology at the Imperial College School of Medicine, Hammersmith Hospital, where he was Honorary Consultant Physician in charge of the Lipid Clinic.

He is a Past Chairman of the British Atherosclerosis Society, the British Hyperlipidaemia Association and the Forum on Lipids in Clinical Medicine of the Royal Society of Medicine, is an Extraordinary Member of the British Cardiac Society, a Senior Member of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland, a member of the European Atherosclerosis Society and a past Fellow of the Council on Arteriosclerosis of the American Heart Association.

He has served on the British Heart Foundation Grants Committee and on the Morgagni Prize Committee of the University of Padua and was a Past Chairman and Trustee of the Simon Broome Heart Research Trust. He has been an Advisor to the British National Formulary, an Associate Editor of the Journal of Lipid Research and was the first Editor of Current Opinion in Lipidology. He is the author of five books, 25 chapters and more than 300 papers, mainly in the field of lipoprotein metabolism and atherosclerosis. In 1975, he and his colleagues first described the use of plasma exchange to treat homozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia.

Currently he is Emeritus Professor in Clinical Lipidology, Imperial College and Honorary Consulting Physician, Hammersmith Hospital. He is married with four children, two of whom are doctors, and lives in London and Hampshire. He ran in the London and New York Marathons in 1994 and his current hobbies include skiing, hill walking and fly fishing.