



## Moore KL: The pioneer of modern clinical anatomy

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Dear Sir,

We read with interest, the autobiography of Professor Keith L. Moore, which has been published in the International Journal of Anatomical Variations [1]. Firstly, we would like to thank Dr. Tunali, the Editor of International Journal of Anatomical Variations for publishing this autobiography. This autobiography has described how Dr. K. Moore has developed and influenced the career of countless anatomists worldwide. His books are prescribed in many medical schools at all levels of teaching, undergraduate and graduate. His textbooks, 'Clinically Oriented Anatomy' [2] and 'Essential Clinical Anatomy' [3] are well received by the students, faculty and researchers. Essential Clinical Anatomy is popularly known as 'Baby Moore' among the student community. His books provide detailed information on human anatomy and the clinical importance of the structures described. The anatomical illustrations and tables are followed by medical students. The information outlined in his textbooks has proven to be valuable to students and medical candidates appearing for USMLE medical examinations at all levels. Of importance, his books have been translated and available in different languages.

The proposal of Moore to integrating gross anatomy and embryology during small group teaching has relevant importance in an integrated curriculum. Dr. Moore (1965–1976) has occupied the Anatomy Chair at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. Dr. Moore is the first recipient of the Henry Gray/Elsevier Distinguished Educator Award, the highest award for human anatomy education from the American Association of Anatomists.

K. L. Moore wrote, "To learn anatomy without a sound knowledge of gross anatomy and embryology is like sailing a ship without a navigator's map; in either case there is likely to be serious consequences".

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