

Obituary

Dr. Caterina Ramon

Dr. Caterina Ramon, Anaesthetist-in-Chief, Hospital de Manacor, Mallorca, Spain, died from lung cancer on 6 April 2003. She was a pioneer of ambulatory anaesthesia in Spain. She developed the first Ambulatory Surgery Unit in Hospital de Viladecans (Barcelona) in 1991 and became a very respected member of the Spanish Association Of Major Ambulatory Surgery (ASECMA) and member of the Editorial Board of the Ambulatory Surgery Journal. As from 1996 she started and developed the anaesthetic service of the new Hospital de Manacor in Mallorca and since January 2002 has served as the Managing Director of this Hospital. During her lifetime she made contributions to all the International meetings of the International Association for Ambulatory

Surgery (IAAS) and was one of the principal movers in all the ways of assessing and promoting the quality of ambulatory anaesthesia care at a national and international level.

Her life was characterised by a deep understanding of her speciality and a kind of friendship that all her colleagues and friends will miss forever.

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