

OBITUARY

In Memory of

Dr. Ramon B. Gustilo
Founding Member of the Philippine Orthopedic Institute
1930 – 2024



The Philippine Orthopaedic Association mourns the passing of Dr. Ramon B. Gustilo, a world-renowned orthopaedic surgeon whose contributions have profoundly shaped our field. His pioneering techniques and ground-breaking research have transformed orthopaedic surgery, improving countless lives across the globe.

As a mentor, Dr. Gustilo inspired generations of orthopaedic surgeons, not only imparting exceptional surgical skills but also instilling a deep commitment to patient care and professional integrity. His dedication to education and mentorship has left an enduring legacy, ensuring that his influence will continue through the work of those he trained.

Beyond the operating room, Dr. Gustilo was a compassionate advocate for his patients and a tireless champion of orthopaedic research. His invaluable contributions to the understanding and management of open fractures have paved the way for future advancements in the field.

As we honour his extraordinary life and career, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Dr. Gustilo's legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those who strive to follow in his footsteps.

He will be deeply missed, but his impact on orthopaedic surgery will resonate for generations to come.

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Prof. dr. Errol Untung Hutagalung, SpB, SpOT(K)
Head of MKKI of Indonesian Medical Association
15 May 1942 – 4 December 2024



On December 4, 2024, the Indonesian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) lost a remarkable doctor, professor, and mentor, Prof. Dr. Errol Untung Hutagalung, SpB, SpOT(K). He was a respected colleague, teacher, and lifelong learner who dedicated his life to medicine and education.

Prof. Errol was born on May 15, 1942, in Tanjung Karang. He completed his early education in Jakarta and later graduated from the University of Indonesia: Biochemistry in 1965, General Medicine in 1967, General Surgery in 1973 and Orthopaedic Surgery in 1975. He received numerous awards from the Indonesian government and medical organizations for his dedication to orthopaedics.

For over twenty years, Prof. Errol played key leadership roles, including:

- Head of MKKI at the Indonesian Medical Association (2009-2024)
- President of the Indonesian Orthopaedic Association (1990-1994, 2006-2012)
- President of PEROSI (2008-2011)
- Head of the Orthopaedic Division at Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital (1990-2009)
- Head of National Examiners for Orthopaedics and Traumatology (1996-2006)
- Head of WanTim at the Indonesian Medical Association (1998-2000)
- Vice Head of Eval PPDS DIKTI (1990-1996)

As a surgeon and educator, he published numerous scientific papers and studies over four decades. He was a dedicated lecturer and mentor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia and Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo General Hospital from 1973 until his passing in 2024. In recognition of his contributions, he received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Indonesian Orthopaedic Association in 2019.

Prof. Errol actively participated in social initiatives and was instrumental in advancing orthopaedic education in Indonesia. His efforts led to the modernization of the orthopaedic and traumatology residency programs, setting a national standard for training and certification. His vision shaped the future of orthopaedics in Indonesia, making him a pioneer in the field.

Prof. Errol was not only a skilled surgeon but also a passionate leader and an inspiring mentor. His dedication to medicine, education, and society will always be remembered. Though he is no longer with us, his legacy lives on through his students, colleagues and the continued progress of the Indonesian Orthopaedic Association.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, colleagues and the many people he inspired throughout his life.

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