

OBITUARY**Gabor Bela Racz
(1937-2025)**

It is with extreme sorrow and grief, that we announce the death of the famous pain specialist Gabor B Racz at the age of 87 years. Professor Dr. Gabor was born on July 6, 1937 in Hungary. He received education at Semmelweis University Medical School, and University of Liverpool, and worked in the UK until 1963 at which time he moved to the United States. He completed his anesthesiology residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York. His main specialized fields were Anesthesiology, pain management pharmacology and emergency & critical care. He remained associated with Messer-Racz International Pain Center, where he conducted research in CRPS, and introduced the famous Racz Technique of pain management. It is a minimally invasive, percutaneous intervention for treating chronic spinal pain often due to scarring after post lumbar surgery syndrome, sometimes called failed back surgery, and also low-back and radicular pain from spinal stenosis, a disease of aging. For his valuable contribution in the understanding the mechanisms of chronic pain and its management, he was awarded multiple honours and awards, including TTU Grover E. Murray Professorship, ASIPP Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians and IPS Moricca Award. In December 1998, the University Medical Center named him to a \$1 million endowed chair in recognition of his work at TTUHSC and the University Medical Center.

He remained committed to the education and training of chronic pain management till his last breath, and was an inspiration to learn more for thousands of pain physicians around the world.