



JONATHAN FINLAY: AN INFORMAL BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

Jonathan Lester Finlay is internationally recognized as a leading authority in the management of children, adolescents and young adults with brain tumors.

Born in Manchester, England, in 1948, the only son of Minnie and Mark Finlay, he was educated at Carmel College, Wallingford, and subsequently attended medical school between 1967 and 1973 at Birmingham University, earning a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Biochemistry in 1970 and MB, ChB in 1973. He then undertook internships and residencies in pediatrics in Birmingham (including pediatric oncology under the direction of Dr. Jill Mann). In 1976, his future career path in pediatric oncology was formulated during a senior residency appointment at the Christie Hospital & Holt Radium Institute, Manchester, UK, under the direction of Dr. Patricia Morris-Jones. Between 1976 and 1980, he undertook Fellowship training in Pediatric Immunology (1976-1978) under Dr. Richard Hong and then Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (1978-1980) under Dr. Nasarollah Shahidi, both at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Between 1980 and 2003, he held faculty positions in Pediatric Oncology at Stanford University (1980-1982), the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1982-1987), the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia & the University of Pennsylvania (1987-1989), the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center & Cornell University (1989-1997) and the Stephen Hassenfeld Children's Blood & Cancer Center at New York University (1997-2003). Additionally, he held the posts of Vice-Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and of Director of the Pediatric Oncology Program at New York University and of the Neuro-oncology Program at the New York University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Between 2003 and 2014, he served as Director of the Neuro-oncology Program at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and Professor of Pediatrics at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California. In 2013, he was appointed to the Audrey and Billy Wilder Chair in Neuro-oncology and Director of a new, inter-departmental Neuro-oncology Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. In July 2014, he assumed the position of Professor of Pediatrics at the Ohio State University and Director of Neuro-oncology at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio; in 2015, he was appointed to the Elizabeth and Richard Germain Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cancer at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. He retired from these positions in July 2020, continuing as an independent contractor with Nationwide Children's Hospital and Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics and Radiation Oncology at the Ohio State University, effective August 1st 2020.

He has received several national and international awards for his work in pediatric neuro-oncology, including the Society of Neuro-oncology Award for Excellence in Pediatric Cancer Research (twice, in 2001 and 2012) and the Society of Neuro-oncology of Latin America (SNOLA) International Pediatric Oncology Recognition Award (2016). In 2019, he was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society of Neuro-oncology, the first pediatric subspecialist to receive this award. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London (FRCP) in 2012 and a Fellow of the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health (FRCPCH) in 2017.

Over the last 40 years, he has authored or co-authored over 350 peer-reviewed publications, review articles and book chapters. Since 1985 he has delivered over 380 invited lectures globally, mainly on childhood brain tumors.

Since 1982, he has mentored over 130 undergraduate students, medical students, medical and pediatric residents and fellows, as well as junior faculty from throughout the world in clinical training and research projects. Several of these individuals now direct brain tumor programs at their own institutions.

He has served and continues to serve on the Editorial Boards of several leading medical journals, and on the Advisory Boards and/or as Medical Director of several national and international philanthropic foundations devoted to childhood cancer, and to childhood brain tumors in particular. Between 2006 and 2012, he served as the founding Chair of the international Society of Neuro-oncology's International Outreach Committee, whose goal is to facilitate educational and technological improvements in the management of brain tumors of adults and children in low-income countries.

He currently is President of a California-based corporation, *Global Neuro-oncology, Inc.*, providing real time consultations for children, adolescents and young adults with primary brain and spinal cord tumors throughout the world.

He is married to Adriana Maria Finlay of Uberaba, Brazil; they live in Nipomo, California, with their three dogs (Boris, a Yorkshire terrier; Zoe, a yellow Labrador; and Tristan, a German shepherd/golden retriever/something-that-drools hybrid). Dr. Finlay has a daughter, Anna Victoria Finlay, who lives and works in the world of fashion in New York City. His 'extra-mural activities' include: Manchester United soccer; wine tasting; cooking; movies; opera (from Monteverdi to 'The Who'); and the postal history of Lombardy & Venetia from 1815 (the Congress of Vienna) to the unification of Italy in 1866.