

The medical physics community has suffered a great loss with the passing of Dr. Hideo (Dale) Kubo on October 3, 2003, following complications of a heart transplant. Dr. Kubo was born in Yokosuka, Japan in 1943. He moved to the US in 1968 and received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in 1973. He held faculty appointments at Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, Albany Medical College, and the University of Rochester before joining the University of California, Davis as Chief of Physics in 1991. Dr. Kubo was a recognized expert in the fields of plane-parallel chamber calibration, HDR brachytherapy, and breathing synchronized radiotherapy. Collaborating with the medical technology industry, he designed components to improve radiotherapy instruments and patient care. His interest extended beyond his research to his fellow physicists. He worked hard to foster ties with the Japanese medical physics community, visiting Japan often to share his expertise. His extensive involvement in the AAPM and ASTRO included serving on committees and task groups and as associate editor of Medical Physics. In recognition of his achievements, the AAPM elected him a Fellow in 1999.

Hideo Kubo was not only a world-renowned physicist but also a beloved husband, father, and friend. He was an avid traveler, a nature enthusiast, a patron of music, and an insatiable learner, but he was foremost a devoted father to his two daughters. He is survived by his mother, Toshi Kubo, his three brothers, Teruo Kubo, Tsugio Kubo, and Mitsuo Kubo, his wife, Paula Kubo, and his daughters, Naomi Peters and Hitomi Kubo. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.