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Amol S. Lele, MD

MAY 23, 1944 - MAY 19, 2020

Amol Karande was born in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, in central India, her mother was a physician in family practice. She grew up in Bombay, now Mumbai, and earned her medical degree from Grant Medical College in Bombay, where she met her husband, Dr. Shashi Lele.

Dr. Amol Lele was a faculty member at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences — and a member of the Kaleida Health staff at the former Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo from 1979 until her retirement in 2016.

Dr. Lele was the former associate director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and the Obstetrics director of Outreach programs for the Regional Perinatal Center of Western New York at Women and Children's Hospital. There, she was committed to providing the best care to women with the highest risk factors for pregnancy. Additionally, she served as a president of the Buffalo Gynecologic and Obstetric Society.

Multiple times, residents she trained voted her as "educator of the year."

In 2013, the Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network honored her at its Great Baby Beginnings event for her dedication to children and for the education and mentoring she provided.

Dr. Lele was also honored as Physician of the Year by the Association of Asian American Physicians.

She also brought perinatal care to women and children at locations outside the hospital, seeing patients at the Jesse Nash Health Center on the East Side and at hospitals in Batavia and Olean.

In the 1980s, she directed a team of doctors staffing five of Erie County's prenatal care clinics.

During more than 40 years at Women & Children's Hospital, she delivered thousands of babies.

Dr. Lele was adept at guiding expectant mothers through risky and difficult births. She was the obstetrician that women turned to when they were facing problem pregnancies.

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Hall of Fame.

Dr. Amol Lele, my wife of 50 years, my best friend, confidante and the kindest person you will know. She was a loving mother and wife who balanced work and home with equal passion. She was always there for her patients and for community physicians day and night when they had problems with high risk pregnancy issues. She very much enjoyed her outreach community programs and looked forward to going with her team to educate nurses and and local physicians in improving care of high risk obstetrics patients. She loved to teach medical students and residents during their rotation in Maternal Fetal medicine. We will miss Amol who was a great passionate physician, mother and wife. This beguest will serve to continue her work for women with pregnancy complications. Dr. Shashi Lele



It was an honor and a privilege working with Dr Lele for over 40 years. She was a highly valuable and respected member of our Outreach Team at John R. Oishei Children's Hospital. She was kind, generous and loved caring for her patients. Her soft spoken manner and calm approach with patients and staff was one of her many assets. Her wonderful and gentle soul will remain in my heart forever.

Karola Long, RN Obstetrical Outreach Coordinator, Oishei Children's Hospital What can you say about Amol that contains normal language when she merits only superlatives. Every word would end in -est! She was the quintessential physician, the kind you want your kids, your students, your residents to emulate; knowledgeable, compassionate, hard working. Everything she did was done to perfection. Everybody loved her too. Her quiet, dignified manner was one all of us wished we had in ourselves. Nobody worked any harder at her job than she or cared more for her patients. She loved what she did, and it showed, never refusing a request and always answering the cause. If there were a Hall of Fame for Women and Children's Hospital it should be named Amol Lele, MD

Not only did I have the pleasure of working with Dr. Lele, I also experienced her professionalism first-hand throughout all my pregnancies. Her joy, love and compassion for her patients will always be remembered. Dr. Lele was a pillar to our maternal community. She is greatly missed. Michelle Gadd

Dr. Theodore Putnam, Pediatrician

I remember Dr. Lele as this very kind, soft spoken, compassionate person who was never too busy to take time to talk or teach. I remember her getting one of the first sonogram machines and showing me how it worked and what she was looking for! Her passion for Perinatal Medicine showed through in the way she treated not only the patients but their families also. She cared for many high risk families. I worked closely with Dr. Lele for many years. When she had very difficult situations she would ask me to go to the Fatima Shrine and get the mom a St. Gerard medal (the patron saint of pregnant women) and say a prayer for them. She was a very faithful woman who understood that the power of medicine and faith were needed for the most difficult of times. She worked many miracles in the years she practiced, with patients often coming back to see her when they were older. She was like a mom to many with her caring and gentle ways. I am sure there is a special place for her in heaven! Julie Polka, RN

IN THE WORDS OF Dr. Amol Lele

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My goal is providing the best of care, to the patients and helping residents and attendings to make it possible to provide that level of excellence for all patients. I feel strongly about developing clinical skills in the residents working with me.

I have always liked to be a clinician who spends time with the patients, explaining their clinical status and plan of therapy. I believe that if a patient understands the decision making process, compliance is much better — when patients have confidence that they are being managed appropriately, outcomes improve.

When clinicians build a bridge of trust with the patient, her confidence in herself improves and anxiety and negative behavior decreases. I like to leave an impression on the patient, that can also help in the rest of her life."