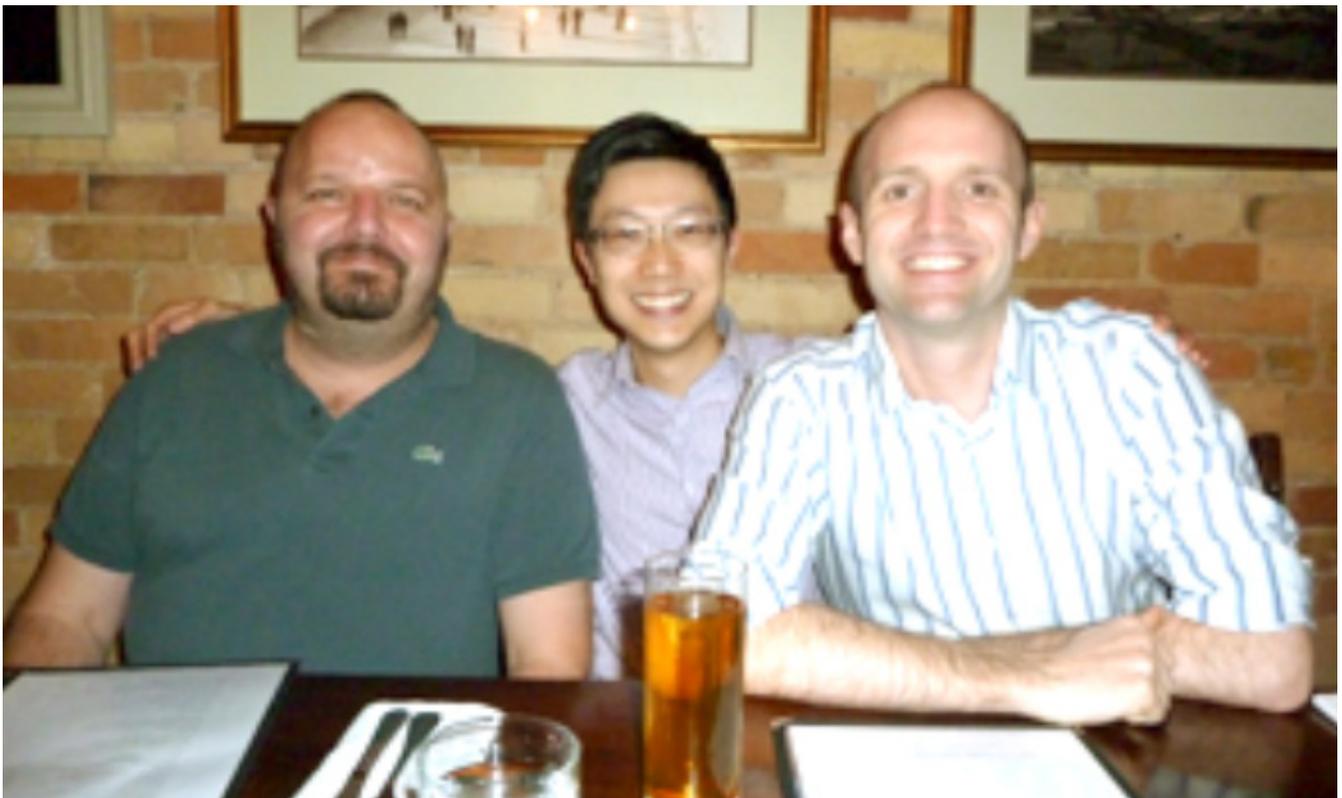




# Dr David Pothier

## 15 December 1973 - 27 July 2018

David Pothier passed away on July 27, 2018 in the early hours of the morning following a struggle with recurrent brain cancer. His passing extinguished a brilliant light, the likes of which few of us will witness in our lifetime. **Chris Coulson** pays tribute.



L-R Dave, Otology Fellow, Philip Lai, and Chris in Toronto 2010-11.

**D**ave Pothier was a giant of a man, principally through the size of his brain, but also his ability to dominate any room he was present in. He had thought about, considered and developed a studied opinion on pretty much every topic known to man. All his decisions in both medicine and life could be explained by a sound logical approach. Combine this with a desire to achieve and the result is the force of nature

that I had the privilege to call my friend.

He has inspired countless peers, junior and indeed senior colleagues to be the best version of themselves and try and progress medical knowledge as far as they can. The fields of endoscopic ear surgery and balance have taken large steps forwards directly related to his contributions.

Life was never boring when hanging out with DP, he was great fun, phenomenally rude at times, and enjoyed tormenting

those colleagues who were lazy or had a lack of knowledge. A loss to the world. Rest In Peace my friend.

**Chris Coulson, Consultant Otologist & Skull Base Surgeon, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham; CEO endoscope-i.**

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