W. Bradford Patterson, M.D.

W. Bradford Patterson, M.D., an AACR emeritus member, died April 10, 2013, at the age of 91. Patterson had been director of cancer control at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Born on June 25, 1921, in New Rochelle, N.Y., Patterson graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1951, following his service in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He began working in cancer research during his surgical training at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston. Patterson became chief of surgery at Pondville Hospital in Walpole, Mass., and then became surgical professor at the University of Rochester, New York, in 1970. In 1978, he was named director of cancer control at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

While there, Patterson urged the hospital to institute a no-smoking policy. As the first hospital to establish such an institute-wide policy, it was a groundbreaking move; however, other hospitals in the Boston area began to follow suit.

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