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Colin Moseley

Colin is originally from Canada. He entered college as an engineering major and met his future wife who was glad he was not going to be a physician, which of course he did become and they have been together 65 years.

After completing his internship, he joined a friend in a private practice in Northern Labrador. It was a mining town that had no road access and about three weeks of warm weather per year. He was there for three years, saw 10,000 patients a year and delivered 750 babies. There were about 15% miscarriages which the women thought of as lost pregnancies not a loss of life. Life has to do with the development of the brain which takes 25 years. They also did house calls.

Canadian provinces started switching to universal medical care and eventually the entire country was covered by government sponsored health care. The program is paid for by general taxes. The plan has these major points, universal, covers all procedures, is portable, publicly administered and patients could not pay privately. The program decreased pharmaceutical costs by 15%. There can be a lengthy wait period for elective surgeries. Doctors are well paid and do not leave. Universal health care has not arrived in United States because of insurance lobby and conservatives railing about an entitlement society.

Colin then completed a residency in orthopedics focused on children. He was recruited to move to Los Angeles to open a new Shriners hospital. In this same time period he wrote a paper that he presented in London which launched a career lecturing all over the world. The hospital served a large Hispanic population and he and other doctors went periodically to Tijuana to provide services to as many as 300 patients per day.

Colin retired twice. Once at age 69 but returned and worked halftime until age 74. He is currently the president of the board for the World Affairs Council Hilton Head.