



DR. ENIO BUFFOLO (1941-2025)

Today, we pay tribute to a giant of cardiovascular surgery: Dr. Enio Buffolo, whose passing leaves a profound void in Brazilian medicine and in all of us who followed his remarkable career.

Born on December 9, 1941, in São Paulo, Brazil, he entered the *Escola Paulista de Medicina* (EPM) in 1960 and graduated in 1965 among the top students of his class. He completed his residency in cardiovascular surgery, pursued advanced training abroad (at the Cleveland Clinic), and perfected coronary revascularization techniques.

Over time, Enio became one of the foremost leaders of heart surgery in Brazil. He developed pioneering techniques in off-pump myocardial revascularization (“heartbeat surgery”) and in the endovascular treatment of aortic aneurysms. His group operated on thousands of patients, trained generations of cardiovascular surgeons, and solidified Brazilian cardiac surgery on the international stage.

A Full Professor in the discipline of Cardiovascular Surgery at UNIFESP, he published more than 100 scientific articles —over 100 of them indexed in PubMed— and served as President of the Sociedade Brasileira de Cirurgia Cardiovascular and of the Sociedade de Cirurgia Cardiovascular do Estado de São Paulo, in addition to holding the position of Vice President of the Sociedade Brasileira de Cardiologia.

Enio, a close friend of our Argentine College of Cardiovascular Surgeons, participated in countless lectures and panels at our congresses and cardiovascular meetings, demonstrating not only his forward-thinking vision but also the character of a man deeply committed to his patients, teaching, and community.

Through his active participation in the equestrian world, this true *turf tifoso* also revealed another facet of his life beyond the operating room.

Dr. Enio Buffolo passed away on October 6, 2025, at the age of 83. His departure was announced by numerous medical and sporting institutions, which recognized him not only as a master of surgery but also as an exemplary citizen. Those of us who had the opportunity to know his work and draw inspiration from it understand that the greatest tribute we can offer is to continue along his path: to work with excellence, humanity, and innovation, always seeing the patient as a whole person. In doing so, Dr. Enio Buffolo will remain alive in the heart of cardiovascular surgery.



Dr. Enio Buffolo, an international leader in cardiac surgery, visited Mar del Plata in 1998 for the Hispanic-Luso-American Meeting of Cardiovascular Surgeons.