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Dear Colleagues,

With great sadness, we have heard that Commodore (Ret) Jeanne P. M. R. Winaktu, MD (Neurosurgeon) has passed away early this morning due to the COVID-19 virus.

Commodore (Ret) Jeanne P. M. R. Winaktu, MD was the first female neurosurgeon in Indonesia. She was a former Director of Indonesian Navy Hospital (RSAL) and also a former Head of the Indonesian Navy's Health Service (DISKESAL). Commodore (Ret) Jeanne P. M. R. Winaktu, MD was an exceptional neurosurgeon. She devoted her life to Neurosurgery and military health research but more importantly, she taught the world of neurosurgery the importance of emancipation and how a female neurosurgeon can improve patient care with a gentle touch.

She was a superb teacher, educator and role model for young neurosurgeons. She spent her entire life on education and she donated her lifetime work to the benefits of the new generations of neurosurgeons. During difficult times due to natural disasters, she has contributed a lot to help and be involved as a team in disaster management in Indonesia. She will always be remembered as one of the "mothers of neurosurgery in Indonesia".

May she rest in peace,

Prof. Abdul Hafid Bajamal, MD., Ph.D. President of Indonesian Neurosurgical Society