

Special tribute

How is it possible to say goodbye to my friend, to our Professor? He is still here with us at this *Escola*.

Only those who walked the corridors of the Cardiology Department of the *Escola Paulista de Medicina* in the past 30 years know very well he is still present. Only the young physicians of the last decades, fascinated by the Professor's encyclopedic knowledge, those young doctors captivated by his tireless availability to teach medicine and dedication to patients as if there were no tomorrow, even when he himself was close to breathing his last tomorrow. Only the young physicians who, in our beloved "*Escolinha*", became professionals, and finally understood the magnitude of his dedication. And who now carry on to help build his dream.

Many of these colleagues, spread throughout Brazil, remember him everyday, this I know. Dr. Carvalho was a permanent, unflinching, sensible example, even when we agreed to disagree. Because this is what he did: he gave us wings and made us fly.

Most importantly, he taught us to dream of the *Escola* as bigger than we were, and he made us bigger.

His spirit still lives everyday in our communities of the *Escola Paulista de Medicina* and the *Sociedade Brasileira de Hemodinâmica e Cardiologia Intervencionista* (SBHCI), which he honored so greatly, and in each young physician (or not so much) that he inspired. Our *Escola* will carry on, even though his countless disciples will miss him dearly, but we can still feel his presence there, guiding our students, our residents, like a true mentor, our dear and beloved Professor Carvalho!

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