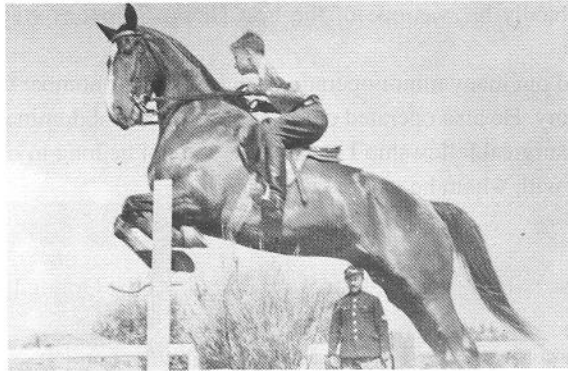


## Herbert Bernard Eckstein

Born 11 July 1926 in Düsseldorf

His parents Dr Erna Schlossmann-Eckstein and Dr Albert B. Eckstein were both pediatricians. His grandfather Dr Arthur Schlossman was also Professor of Pediatrics at the University Clinic in Düsseldorf (H.- R. Wiedemann: Albert Eckstein (1891-1950), Eur J Pediatr, 153:303, 1994).

1935: The Eckstein family emigrated to Turkey where Dr Albert Eckstein was proposed the chair of pediatrics in Ankara.



Herbie in Ankara, 1939

1939-44: Herbert Eckstein left for England to study at The Leys School in Cambridge. His school is moved to Pitlochry in Scotland during the war.

1944-47: Studied at Clare College, Cambridge University

BA (1947)

1947-50: The Middlesex Hospital, London; The Freeman Scholarship (1950, Middlesex Hospital)

MB, B Chir (1950, Cantab)

LRCP, MRCS (1950, Eng)

1950-51: House Surgeon, Addenbrooke's Hospital,  
Cambridge

MA (1951, Cantab)

1951 Sept-Dec: Supervisor in Anatomy, Clare College,  
Cambridge

1952: House Surgeon,  
The Birmingham Accident Hospital

1952 Sept-April 1953: House Physician,  
Dulwich Hospital,  
London



Albert and Herbert Eckstein in Hamburg, 1950

15th January 1954

David Waterston, FRCS

Surgeon

The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street

I have very much pleasure in writing this testimonial to Mr. Herbert Eckstein who has been my House Surgeon for the last six months.

He carried out his duties extremely well in every way and I got on with him extremely well. I found his work admirable and undoubtedly he was one of the best House Surgeons we have had here in recent years.

While he was here he carried out many minor operations and also a fair number of simple operative procedures such as herniotomy. He also operated on many of the acute abdominal emergencies.

Although he has not yet his surgical fellowship I am sure he will not be long in obtaining this.

His relationships with those with whom he worked were happy.

1953 Jul-Jan 1954: Senior House Officer, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London

1954: Registrar in Urology, St.Peter's, St.Paul's and St.Philip's Hospitals, London

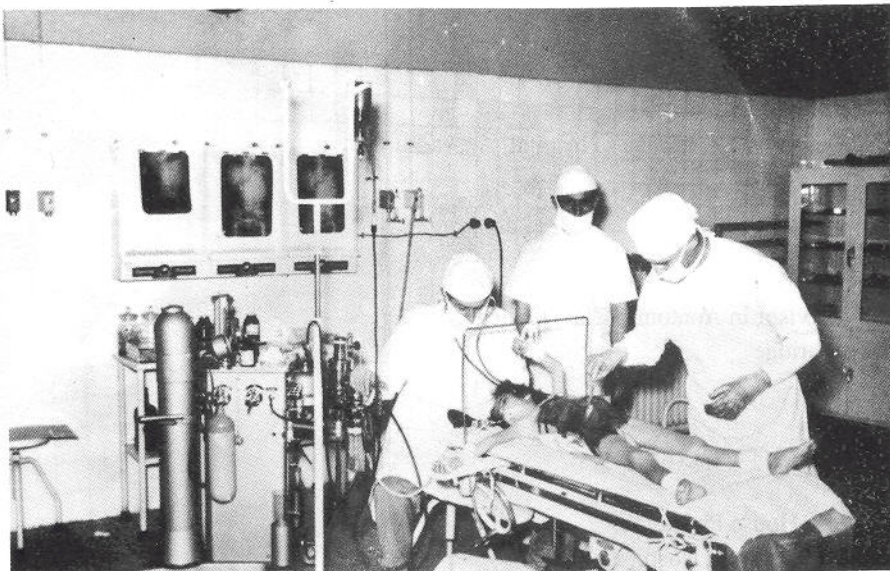
1954 Nov-May 1955: Senior House Officer in General Surgery, Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, London

1955 May-March 1958: Surgical Registrar in General Surgery, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

1955 July : Herbert Eckstein and Maria Schröder are married in Cambridge

1957 April : Their eldest son Philip is born

FRCS (Eng, May 1957)



Herbert Eckstein operating at Hacettepe Children's Hospital, Ankara (1958)



1958 April-Dec 1960: Pediatric Surgical Specialist, Ankara University, Turkey and  
Consultant Pediatric Surgeon, Hacettepe Children's Hospital, Ankara

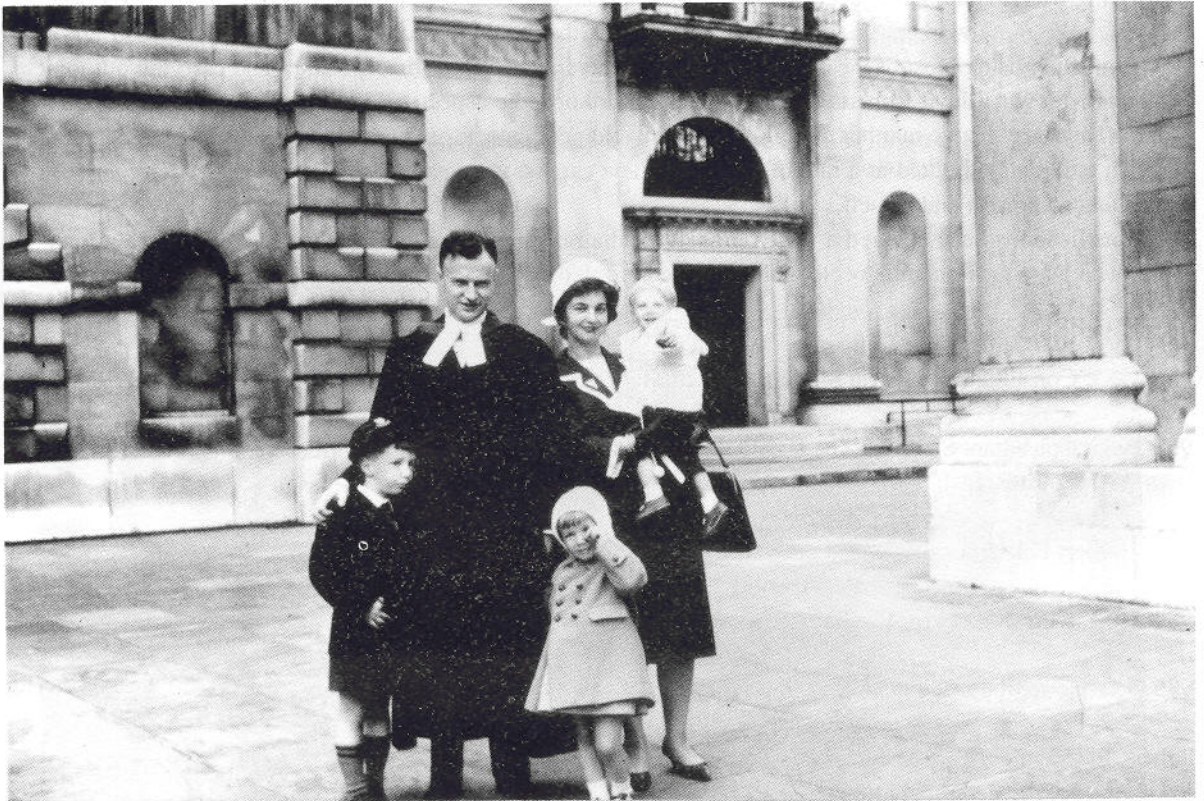
1959 Feb: Their daughter Susan is born in Ankara

1960 April: Received his MD at Cambridge University

1961 Jan: Their youngest son Michael is born in Cambridge

1961-63: Resident Assistant Surgeon/Senior Surgical Registrar  
Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London

M Chir (1962, Cantab)



The Eckstein family at Cambridge, 1962

1964-1965: Locum Consultant Surgeon, Prince of Wales Hospital, London

1964-1970: Consultant Surgeon, Sydenham Children's Hospital, London;  
Honorary Adviser in Spina Bifida to Wessex Regional Hospital Board

My experience in paediatric surgery (1965):

"Following a basic training as house Surgeon at Great Ormond Street, I went to Turkey in 1958 at the personal invitation of Professor İhsan Dođramacı, MD, FAAP, to start a surgical unit in the new Hacettepe Children's Hospital, which is a part of the Ankara University Medical School, and which was financed largely by the Rockefeller Foundation and by UNICEF. The work in Turkey started by designing the operating theater and organising a surgical unit, but by October 1958 a thirty bedded surgical ward was opened and the operating theaters were fully functional.

The work included all types of surgery and there was a steady increase in neonatal surgery during the following years. I was later joined by a thoracic surgeon and a neurosurgeon -both trained in America. About 700 operations were performed each year of which about two-thirds were carried out by myself or residents under my supervision.

I returned to the Hospital for Sick Children in January 1961, as Senior Surgical Registrar and had further training and experience in this speciality since then... I gained a great deal of experience with children suffering from myelomeningocele and similar conditions working with Mr. GH Macnab at Great Ormond Street. Like most workers in this field my ideas have been greatly influenced by his thoughts. I am at present supervising most of the children with myelomeningocele in Tadworth Court and carrying out joint rounds with Mr. Lloyd Roberts to co-ordinate the orthopaedic aspects and other problems in these children. There are a large number of children with myelomeningocele at Queen Mary's Hospital, Carshalton, which are being admitted at a rate of about 100 new cases a year, and these are being shared between Mr Duncan Forrest and myself...

My publications have covered a wide range of Paediatric surgery, but have indicated my two main interests which are myelomeningocele with its related problems and paediatric urology."

1963-1985: Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, Surrey

1965-1985: Consultant Surgeon, The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street with the Tadworth Court Branch

1983: Herbert Eckstein experienced grave complications after an abdominal operation

1984: Hosted the Society for Paediatric Urological Surgeons Meeting in London

1986 Oct: He retired officially

Herbert Eckstein  
died on the 5th of November 1986 in Kent.



Herbert Eckstein in Istanbul, 1983

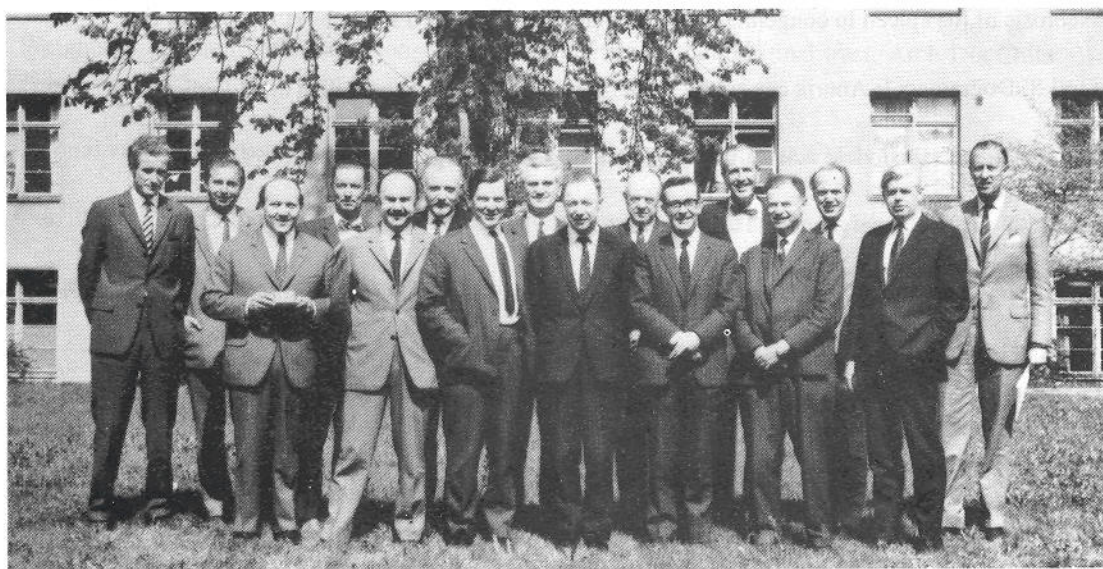


## Memberships and Honours:

Member of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons  
Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine  
Member of the Society of Paediatric Urological Surgeons  
Member of the Society of Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida  
Honorary Member of the German Society of Pediatric Surgeons  
Associate Member of the British Association of Urological Surgeons  
Corresponding Member of the German Urological Association  
Member (posthumous Fellow) of the British Paediatric Association  
Honorary Member of the Austrian Paediatric Surgical Society  
Honorary Member of the Turkish Association of Pediatric Surgeons (posthumous)

Recipient of the Copernicus Medal (1976) awarded by the Polish Association of Pediatric Surgeons, the Polish Society of Surgeons, and the Polish Association of Urologists

Awarded the "Casey Holter Memorial Medal" by the Society for Research into Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida at the 24th Annual Scientific Meeting, Göttingen, 1980.



SPUS Oslo meeting, 1969

**Front row (right to left):** DI Williams, HB Eckstein, JH Johnston, B O'Donnel, JP Blandy, SJ Cohen, J Cukier  
**Back row:** G Grotte, TC Gertz (guest), O Knutrud, RA Mogg, M Bettex, J Cendron, K Parkkulainen, R Hohenfellner, JES Scott