

ALASKA PHYSICIAN WAS A NOTED AUTHOR

Dr. Robert Fortune, a longtime Alaska physician and noted author died May 11, in Wasilla. He was a well known physician working as a medical officer of the Indian Health Services in several postings, as director of the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, as an international health attache to the U.S. State Department, working as a family and emergency room physician in Alaska, and teaching medical students. He was known to many involved in circumpolar health research, and for example a founding member of the American Society of Circumpolar Health. In his later years he was especially known as a medical historian of Alaska and the arctic areas and producing several books. The career of Dr. Fortune will be presented in more detail in the next issue of *Int J Circumpolar Health*.

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