

Holy Cross Physicians Association
Lifetime Achievement Award 2023

Charles M. Coté, MD

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Charlie's journey began on the south shore of Massachusetts as a first-generation U.S. citizen from French-Canadian immigrants. His upbringing instilled in him a profound work ethic that would set the stage for a lifetime of success.

Charlie attended Holy Cross from 1964-1968 where he majored in biology. After HC he went on to receive his medical degree from Albany Medical College followed by a residency in pediatrics at Boston Floating Hospital (Tufts). He then dual-boarded in anesthesiology at the University of Pennsylvania and in critical care at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. From here he served in the Navy from 1977-79 as an anesthesiologist at The Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth VA. Then in 1979, he accepted his first faculty position at Mass General Hospital / Harvard Medical School.

In the 1970s, when the field of pediatric anesthesia was in its infancy, there were many unknowns regarding the perioperative management of children. Moreover, there were very few people who were dual bordering in both anesthesia and pediatrics. Charlie recognized the need for pediatric anesthesia experts and to this end dedicated himself to this cause, becoming a leader in this field.

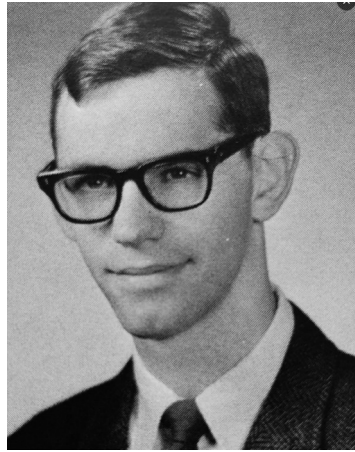
Charlie's expertise is unparalleled with over 200 peer-reviewed publications/review articles/editorials/book chapters/case reports/practice guideline publications, and countless lectures both nationally and internationally. Additionally, he has expertise in clinical trials to develop pediatric drug labeling as well as research on equipment specific to infants/children, among others.

His contributions led to full professorships at Children's Memorial/Northwestern and MGH/Harvard.

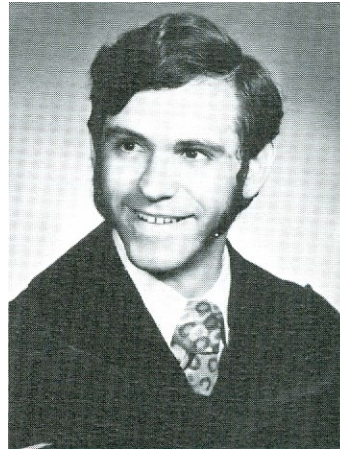
The impact he has had on training generations of pediatric anesthesiologists is noteworthy. Through his 40+ year career, he has had 100's of trainees, some of whom have become department chairs, editors of journals, and leaders in the field. These former trainees are now teaching the next generation of pediatric anesthesiologists. These efforts have advanced the field of pediatric anesthesiology and his legacy continues to this day.

Yet, amidst this demanding academic career, Charlie prioritized family. He balanced his professional achievements with raising two children, cherishing family vacations, and coaching sports.

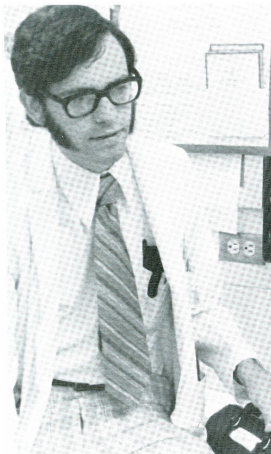
In summary, Dr. Charlie Coté has not only revolutionized the safety of pediatric anesthesiology but has also touched countless lives in the process. His legacy continues to shape modern medicine, and he epitomizes the type of physician leader the HCPA aims to foster.



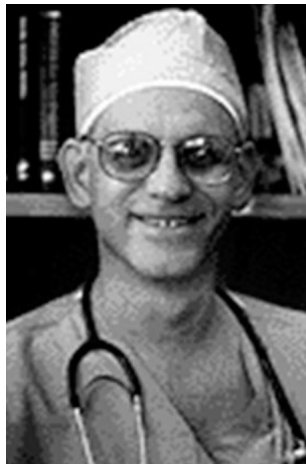
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