



Colbert's Medico

Roman Colbert, Ph.D., is the author of *Colbert's Medico* book and pronunciation cassette system, which is designed as reference tool for medical professionals who have direct contact with Spanish-speaking populations. He has donated 700 copies and transferred the copyright and licensing to UCLA. The books were offered at no charge to the UCLA Department of Family Medicine, UCLA Center for Pre-Hospital Care, Venice Family Clinic, Los Angeles Christian Health Center, and all current UCLA medical students. Royalties from the intellectual property rights will fund a medical student scholarship.

In His Own Words

There isn't any human being on earth who goes through life without suffering physically, mentally, or both. If you are prepared and able to help, there isn't any better reward.

I am an educator. I earned my degrees at UCLA, which I consider one of the best universities the United States of America has to offer. I dedicated my life to preparing young people to face life and its problems and to be productive and compassionate.

Getting ready for my retirement, I thought about the millions of Spanish speaking people in this country unable to communicate, when they have an accident or become ill, with physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and paramedics. Regardless of their political or legal status, they are men, women, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, children...they deserve help. I decided to dedicate a few years of my life to create a tool for the medical profession to help them.

I am honored that such a great institution has accepted my work as a valuable asset and delighted to know this resource will continue to be used to help humanity and maybe save lives. It warms my heart to know that my efforts will not be wasted.

My father was a physician. I was married for 60 years to a beautiful lady from Spain. They are both in *Colbert's Medico*.

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In October, Chirag Patel, MAA Board of Directors Class of 2014 Student Representative, and his wife Barbara drove to Las Vegas and picked up 700 copies of *Colbert's Medico* from Dr. Colbert. Both Chirag and Barbara were impressed with this extraordinary humanitarian.

"Dr. Colbert has lived such a rich and full life. It was an honor to meet him and have him share just a few of his many wonderful life experiences. The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is lucky to have him as a member of its community," said Chirag.