Reflecting a legacy of excellence in radiation oncology research at BC Cancer, Andrew Minchinton received the 2018 Robert F. Kallman Award for academic leadership, scientific excellence, service to the profession and commitment to colleagues, students and Stanford University. Dr. Minchinton is the second BC Cancer scientist to receive the award after Peggy Olive in 2008 and makes BC Cancer the only institution to have two awardees.

“It’s a particularly gratifying award for me because I became friends with Bob Kallman early in my career and he encouraged me to take on some of the more daunting challenges in radiation biology”, Minchinton commented. The quantitative assessment of hypoxia and vascular function through novel imaging techniques and the development of 3D tissue models and their use in the development of drugs designed to improve radiation therapy might be the fruit of that encouragement.

Kallman’s wife Ingrid and daughter Robyn were present at the award ceremony at Stanford University in California. Following the memorial lecture the award was presented by Stanford Professors J. Martin Brown (Emeritus Prof. Radiation Oncology), Amato Giaccia (Director of Radiation & Cancer Biology) and Quynh-Thu Le (Chair of Radiation Oncology).