Dr. Duncan A. Graham, MB, FRSC, FRCP (Lond.), FRCPC, FACP

CMA President, 1940
University of Toronto, 1905
Internal medicine

Dr. Graham, who attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel while serving with the No. 4 Canadian General Hospital in WW I, was appointed The Sir John and Lady Eaton Chair in Medicine at the University of Toronto in 1919, shortly after the war ended. In World War II he succeeded Sir Frederick Banting as chair of the Committee on Aviation Medical Research at the National Research Council after Dr. Banting’s 1941 death in a plane crash. Highly respected within his profession, Dr. Graham received the CMA’s highest honour, the F.N.G. Starr Award, in 1957. When he died in 1974, a former colleague told CMAJ about Dr. Graham’s teaching methods: “To survive the test of Duncan Graham’s demands was no easy thing. He expected the work to be done a little better than one could do it. But one simply tried, because ‘the Prof’ expected it. [It] became a game with many of his residents to see if they could get the better of ‘the Prof’ at ward rounds — sometimes they did, but seldom.”