Dr. William W. Wigle, MD CM

CMA President, 1963-64
Queen’s University, 1943
General practice

Dr. Wigle served as President of the Ontario Medical Association and as a member of the CMA’s Executive Committee before assuming the CMA Presidency. He was a surgeon lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy in World War II, and served in the North Atlantic. He became President while the introduction of medicare was still being discussed. According to the Globe and Mail, he had this to say: “The prepayment of medical care in all its places — the collection of funds, the administration and the payment for the services — must be more diligently studied and controlled by the profession or it will be done by someone else. No one else should be acceptable to us because those who control these factors on a completely comprehensive basis, which is what the people desire, will control medicine.”