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CMA President, 1979-80
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Dr. Wilson, who served as Dean of Medicine at Queen’s University, was awarded the CMA’s Medal of Service in 1990 for “outstanding service to medicine and society.” As he left the CMA Presidency in 1980, he made this observation: “It is not enough just to bring a doctor and a patient together. We must concern ourselves with the quality and training of that doctor, with the length and quality of the doctor/patient encounter, and with the circumstances and facilities in which it occurs. Here is a clear role for the CMA. We must provide information and leadership and promote public understanding, for I have no doubt that an informed public will support us.”