Dr. Wallace W. Wilson, MD

CMA President, 1946-47
University of Toronto, 1911
General practice, internal medicine

Dr. Wilson, a Past President of the British Columbia Medical Association, held the rank of colonel in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in World War II and served as senior physician for the Department of Veterans Affairs (Western Canada) after the war ended. "It was in this role that he developed a most outstanding program for the rehabilitation of veterans, which has been used as a pattern throughout North America," his obituary stated. Dr. Wilson, who represented the CMA at the first meeting of the World Medical Association in 1947, also chaired the CMA’s Committee on Economics and spent almost a decade as chair of the CMA Committee on Ethics, where he was “the keeper of the conscience of the profession.” When he died in 1966, a colleague wrote in CMAJ: “I hope that members of the College of General Practice of Canada (now the College of Family Physicians of Canada) will recall that this man above all others . . . provided the wise counsel on which that College was founded in 1954.”