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## ***R.N. ANDERSON - R.C. DICKSON LECTURE IN MEDICINE***

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Royal Bank Theatre, Halifax Infirmary

### ***“Palliative Care: It’s EVERYONE’S Business”*** **Dr. José Pereira MBChB, CCFP (PC), MSc, FCFP**

Director, Research, The College of Family Physicians of Canada;  
Gilchrist Chair and Professor of Palliative Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, Queen’s University;  
Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Ottawa;  
Clinical Professor, Division of Palliative Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University;  
Scientific Officer, Pallium Canada



#### ***Dr. Robert N. Anderson***

Dr. Robert N. Anderson received his M.D., C.M. degree from Dalhousie University in 1954. After two years of family practice in North Sydney, Nova Scotia, he returned to a residency in Internal Medicine at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, followed by Cardiology training in London, England and Toronto. Dr. Anderson became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 1961.

He began his academic career when he joined the Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University as a Lecturer in 1961. By 1968, he had become a Full Professor and despite a busy clinical career, distinguished himself as a medical educator. In 1982 he assumed the Headship of the Dalhousie Department of Medicine.

His leadership skills were also recognized by numerous national and international organizations where he served such roles as Chair, Federal Task Force on Coronary Artery Surgery; International Secretary-Treasurer of Alpha Omega Alpha; Chair of the Committee on Cardiology (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada); Governor (Atlantic Provinces) American College of Physicians; and numerous positions in the Canadian Heart Foundation.

Dr. Anderson retired from active practice in 1997 but continues his keen interest in the Medical Humanities. In 2013, he was the recipient of Dalhousie University’s Archibald Gold-headed Cane Award in the Humanities.



#### ***Dr. Robert C. Dickson***

Dr. Robert Clark Dickson received his M.D. degree from the University of Toronto in 1934. His graduate education at the Toronto General Hospital, interrupted by World War II, was completed in 1945 when he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. His academic career began in 1945 when he joined the Faculty of Medicine of Toronto, and in 1946 he moved to Halifax as Head of Dalhousie University’s Department of Medicine.

During the next 18 years under Dr. Dickson’s leadership, the Department grew rapidly. He is remembered best for the remarkable progress he made in establishing both graduate and undergraduate educational programs of the highest quality. He served in many other ways. As President of the Royal College, he was the prime mover in the change to one type of membership.

He was made a Master of the American College of Physicians after serving as Regent. A founding member of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, he also served as its President. He was a member, and later Chairman, of the Canadian Forces Medical Council, and was appointed Queen’s Honorary Physician.

In later years, his activities were slowed, although only very gradually, by ill health, and he remained influential in medical affairs until his death in 1984.



#### ***Dr. José Pereira MBChB, CCFP (PC), MSc, FCFP***

Dr. José Pereira is co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Pallium Canada. Over the years he has led the development of palliative care clinical, educational and research programs. These have included a regional program, palliative care units, hospices, a rural palliative care program, and palliative care consultation teams in hospitals and the community. Currently, his main role is as Director of Research at the College of Family Physicians of Canada. He is also the first incumbent of the Gilchrist Chair and Professor of Palliative Medicine at Queen’s University and Lakeridge Health in Ontario.

Dr. Pereira has been a strong champion of an integrated, systems-level approach to incorporating palliative care access and capacity in the health care system and the role of education as part of that approach. This includes a strong primary- and generalist-base. He is author in over 90 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters and books. In 2002 he received The Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal and in 2012 The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal.