

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

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Royal Bank Theatre, Halifax Infirmary

“Natural Health Products: The Good, the Bad, and Ugly”

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Professor in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics and in the Department of Medicine, Division of Clinical Pharmacology at McMaster University, Director for the Centre for Evaluation of Medicines, Consultant Physician in Internal Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton.



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. He is this year's 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.

Mitchell Levine MD, MSc, FRCPC, FISPE, FACP

Dr. Mitchell Levine received his medical degree from the University of Calgary, which was followed by postgraduate medical training in Internal Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Toronto. He received an MSc in Clinical Epidemiology from McMaster University.

Mitchell is a Professor in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics and in the Department of Medicine, Division of Clinical Pharmacology at McMaster University. He is the Director for the Centre for Evaluation of Medicines and a Consultant Physician in Internal Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton.

He serves as an advisor to government on issues relating to drug safety, efficacy and pharmaco-economics. He is the Vice-Chair of the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board of Canada and is a consultant to the Drug Benefits Program of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

His academic activities include assessing prescription drug use in the community and developing methods to obtain maximum value from drug therapy resources. He is the Editor for both the Canadian Journal of General Internal Medicine and the Journal of Population Therapeutics and Clinical Pharmacology, and is an Associate Editor for ACP Journal Club and Evidence-Based Medicine.