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

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Royal Bank Theatre, Halifax Infirmary

“Hot Topics in IgA Nephropathy”

Heather N. Reich MD, CM, PhD, FRCPC
Gabor Zellerman Chair in Nephrology Research, Nephrologist, Clinician Scientist, University Health Network Associate Professor, University of Toronto

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.

Heather N. Reich MD, CM, PhD, FRCPC

Dr. Reich is a graduate of McGill University Faculty of Medicine. She completed her post-graduate clinical training and PhD at University of Toronto where she is an Associate Professor and holds the Gabor Zellerman Chair in Nephrology Research. She works as a nephrologist-scientist at the University Health Network and is passionate about improving the clinical care and outcomes of patients with glomerulonephritis.

Dr. Reich’s research objective is to identify clinical and molecular markers of progressive glomerular diseases, and she is scientific director of the Toronto GN Registry. Her translational research program focuses on the study of human biologic samples to elucidate the mechanisms responsible for progression of kidney disease towards kidney failure. This molecular work is complemented by studies to identify clinical risk factors for disease progression in glomerulonephritis. She enjoys teaching and is the co-director of the annual educational pre-course in glomerulonephritis for ASN.