



# GRAND ROUNDS

Tuesdays, 0800-0900  
Via Zoom

June 1, 2021  
Anderson – Dickson Lecture

8:00-9:00

**Title:** Reflections on a 45 Year Career in General Internal Medicine in Canada

**Presenter:** Dr. Allan Detsky, Professor of Health Policy Management, Evaluation, and Medicine, University of Toronto

**Objectives:**

- Members may appreciate which practices of older internists are worth preserving in younger ones
- Audience may be provoked to initiate intergenerational dialogue in their own settings

**Evaluation:**

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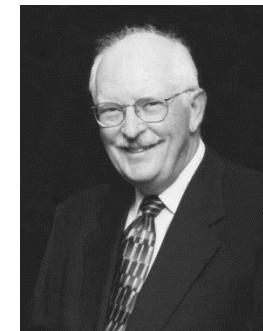
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R. N Anderson – R.C. Dickson  
Lecture in Medicine  
**“Reflections on a 45 Year  
Career in General Internal  
Medicine in Canada”**

**Dr. Allan Detsky**

Professor of Health Policy Management,  
Evaluation, and Medicine  
University of Toronto

**R. N. Anderson-R.C. Dickson  
Lecturers**

April 2019 Dr. Mamta Gautam  
May 2018 Dr. Jose Pereira  
May 2017 Dr. Heather Reich  
May 2016 Dr. Ron Postuma



**Tuesday, June 1, 2021  
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## 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 continued 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.

## About the Speaker

**DR. ALLAN S. DETSKY, MD, PhD, FRCPC, CM.,** is Professor, Departments of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, and Medicine at the University of Toronto; former Physician-in-Chief, Mount Sinai Hospital; and Associate Physician-in-Chief, University Health Network (1997-2009) and former Head of the Division of General Internal Medicine at The Toronto Hospital and University of Toronto (1987-1997).

Dr. Detsky received his B.S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, his M.D. from Harvard Medical School, and his Ph.D. (in Economics) from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978. He received a Canada Council Award (1973-77), and two terms as a National Health Research Scholar Awardee (Health and Welfare Canada) (1985-1996). His research has focused on clinical epidemiology, health economics and policy, decision analysis, clinical nutrition and perioperative medicine. He has published over 300 papers, commentaries, and editorials in leading medical journals over the past 29 years. In 2005, he received a Career Achievement Award for the Society for Medical Decision Making (2005). In 2008, he was the recipient of the Dr. David Sackett Senior Investigator Award from Canadian Society of Internal Medicine. He has served on the editorial board of the **New England Journal of Medicine**, and as a member of the Drug Quality and Therapeutics Committee for the Province of Ontario where he spearheaded the effort to formally include cost-effectiveness considerations into the Canadian drug reimbursement process. From 2007 to 2017 he was a Contributing Writer for the **Journal of the American Medical Association**.

In 2012, Dr. Detsky received a Tony nomination as one of the producers of Jesus Christ Superstar in the category Best Musical Revival. In 2017, he was nominated for another Tony for Best Musical for Come From Away, and in 2018 won the Olivier Award for Best Musical in London. In June 2018, he was appointed by the Governor General to the **Order of Canada**.

## Dr. Allan Detsky

