Perspective



Ivan D. McCallum, DC

Dr. McCallum is a chiropractor of the old school who has been able to bridge the gap between the old philosophy and new science. He has been in practice for 30 years, and also spent 6 years at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. Throughout his professional life, he has shown a remarkable ability for organization, leadership and hard work.

At the beginning of World War II, he joined the Calgary Highlanders and saw active service through much of Europe until 1945. This time in the Canadian Army was to stand him in good stead later in his professional life. On leaving the army, he enrolled at the University of Toronto to study Commerce and Business Administration. One summer he injured his back while working in Calgary on a summer job. He was hospitalized for 2 weeks and after numerous radiographs and tests saw no improvement. At this time, he met Dr. C.E. Messenger, a member of C.M.C.C.'s Board of Governors for Alberta who helped improve his condition. At this point, he decided to study chiropractic at C.M.C.C. During his years as a student, he was very active in the local Canadian Legion, softball and tennis. He graduated in May 1950. At this time there were so many veterans taking advantage of the veterans retraining program that there were two graduating classes a year; in January and May.

He returned home to Alberta and opened a solo practice in Medicine Hat, where he continued to practice for 20 years. During this time he was actively involved in local community life, especially through Kiwanis and the Freemasons. He is a past Grand Chapter Steward, Royal Arch Masons of Alberta and past President of Medicine Hat Shrine Club. In 1969 he was approached by Dr. Herbert Vear, Dean of C.M.C.C. and the late Dr. Fred Clubine, chairman of the Board of Governors, to come east to succeed Dr. John Kuruliak as Clinic Director in the College outpatient clinic, and to assist in technique. He arrived at C.M.C.C. early in 1970 and took over as Clinic Director that June, just as the Ontario Health Insurance Plan was extending its coverage to include Chiropractic care. The clinic at this time was inadequately staffed with just a part-time clinic assistant. Dr. L. Giles and a secretary-receptionist. He slowly built up the out-patient clinic to be an efficient department that was able to handle the increase in numbers of both interns and patients.

He was able to implement several new programs that were to have a constructive impact on the students. Firstly, he arranged with Dr. Little of Sunnybrook Hospital for two interns to participate once a week on the "rounds" with the medical interns. This experience helped to show the senior interns that they could hold their own in a hospital environment and it generally elevated the morale of the students. He also built up a good rapport with many of the top specialists. He was part of a clinic committee consisting of Drs. Vear, Maxwell, and himself which met on a weekly basis to discuss the programs and work on problems as

they related to the clinic. He also implemented an interns' committee in order to bring ideas and concerns of the students forward and to give them a channel through which these could be handled.

Dr. McCallum took the time to know each intern and was always very approachable and available to discuss both large and small problems with them. He also took the time to write to each individual graduating student. He thrived on the questioning and constant search of students to find all the answers.

In 1976, he was presented with an Award of merit for his contribution and dedication to C.M.C.C. After having given six full years as Clinic Director, he decided it was time to return to private practice in Bancroft, Ontario, a small rural town with a population of 2,400. He is enjoying the quieter pace of life but still finds he misses the West. He has again become heavily involved with the local community being the current President of the Algonquin Arts Council and is also an active member of both the Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He has also maintained his connections with the Freemasons and is presently the first principal of a new chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

His one regret is that he didn't take the time at the beginning of his career to set up research outlines so he could write with authority on the many conditions that he has treated. Everyone who has had the opportunity to know and work with Dr. McCallum has always found him an amiable dedicated person who could not ask anymore of someone than he would of himself. Wherever he has practiced, he has enhanced the profession immeasurably.

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Answers to Roentgenology Quiz	Answers to Chiroquiz			
1 a, b.	1	T	11	T
2 b, c, d.	2	T	12	T
3 a, c.	3	T	13	T
4 a, b, c, d, e.	4	T	14	T
5 a, b, c.	5	T	15	T
6 c, e.	6	T		
7 b, d.	7	T		
8 c, d.	8	T		
9 c. d. e.	9	T		
10 a. b. c. d. e.	10	T		