SIR WILLIAM OSLER - HIS LEGACY

"Sir William Osler was an ideal physician: a master of the science and art of medicine, a lover of humanity, and totally devoted to healing as a sacred calling."

Michael Bliss, Historian and Author

Born in Bond Head, Ontario, Canada in 1849, Sir William Osler achieved international recognition for his revolutionary and progressive approach to medical education and the practice of medicine.

Scholar

Sir William Osler began his medical education at the University of Toronto (1868), completed his training at McGill University (1872), with post graduate studies in London, Vienna, and Berlin.

Visionary

Sir William Olser believed medicine was a progressive science and his enthusiasm for learning influenced his students and peers to strive for excellence through ongoing education and research.

Medical Innovator

Sir William Osler achieved international acclaim for his holistic approach to medicine. An expert in the diagnosis of diseases of the heart, lungs and blood, Sir William Osler was one of the first medical minds to appreciate the interaction between body systems. His progressive approach to holistic medicine lead to the creation of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Educator

Sir William Osler believed that medicine is learned by the bedside, not in the classroom. He was the first educator to bring medical students into the hospital environment for a hands-on approach to medical training.

Sir William Osler was a professor at McGill University, Chief of Medical Services at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and Regius Chair of Medicine at Oxford University, England – a few of his achievements.

Researcher and Author

Sir William Osler was internationally recognized for his work on more than 1,500 scientific publications detailing his research and medical innovations. His textbook "The Principles and Practice of Medicine" (1892) remained the authoritative medical textbook for over 30 years.

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