

**Dr. M. Christopher Wallace** -- Recipient of the *CNSS Lifetime Achievement Award (Charles Drake Medal)*

Dr. Wallace graduated from Queen's University Medical School in 1980. Straight Surgical Internship followed in 1980-1981 at Mount Sinai Hospital. His residency in Neurosurgery from 1980 – 1986 comprised clinical rotations at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, Toronto Western Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children and Toronto General Hospital. Subsequently two fellowships were undertaken, the first at Wellcome Surgical Institute/University of Glasgow (research, Professors G. Teasdale and J. McCulloch) and University Hospital/University of Western Ontario (clinical, Drs. C.G. Drake and S.J. Peerless). Dr. Wallace then assumed his faculty position in the Division of Neurosurgery, Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Wallace was appointed to the Foundation Baxter et Alma Ricard Chair in Cerebrovascular Neurosurgery at The University of Toronto in 1996. He was promoted to Professor at The University of Toronto in 1996. In 2002, he became Head of the Division of Neurosurgery. The current faculty in the Division is a substantial reflection of Dr. Wallace's recruitment vision.

Dr. Christopher Wallace currently serves as Professor, Division Chair and Service Chief in the Division of Neurosurgery, Queen's University, and as Attending Staff, Kingston General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston Ontario. His areas of research interest include cerebrovascular disease, vascular malformations, intracranial aneurysms, and carotid stenosis.

Dr. Wallace has authored or co-authored over 130 peer-reviewed publications, over 80 abstracts, has delivered invited lectures at over 150 national and international venues, and has been the recipient of dozens of honours and awards. He has served on the executive of all of the major North American neurosurgical societies. He served as the program director for the neurosurgery training program at the University of Toronto. In 1989, he co-founded the University of Toronto Vascular Malformation Study Group, an exemplary model of multi-disciplinary collaboration in clinical neuroscience. He is widely recognized as an outstanding teacher. Dr Wallace served on the CNSS Council from 2006 – 2008 as Secretary/Treasurer, 2008 – 2010 as Vice-President and 2010 – 2012 as President. He served on the CNSF Executive Committee during 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

Dr. Wallace exemplifies all of the important attributes of lifetime achievement in Neurosurgery, and is an outstanding recipient of this Award.

