

Eventually he prevailed and in 1967 was appointed Memorial's first dean of medicine, a position he held until 1974.

Dr. Rusted also served Memorial University as vice-president (health sciences) from 1974-79 and vice-president (health sciences and professional schools) from 1979-88. From 1981-88 he was also pro vice-chancellor with responsibility for development of Labrador Institute of Northern Studies and Memorial's Gerontology Centre.

Recognition of these activities has included four honorary degrees, being made an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Master of the American College of Physicians, and 1998 Alumnus of the Year for Dalhousie University. In 1989 he was made Dean Emeritus by Memorial University and in October 2001, he received an honorary degree from Memorial.

*"Dr. Rusted's mentorship to those of us in the early, growing years of the medical school has had a lasting impression. His influence as a mentor to medical students, postgraduate trainees and practicing physicians continued even after his retirement. His belief in strong clinical skills and community based learning has made the Faculty of Medicine a leader in this area nationally and internationally to this day."*

Dr. Sharon Peters  
Class of 1974

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*Dr Rusted and grandson Timothy*

## The Dr. Ian Rusted Founder's Chair in Medical Education

*On April 5, 2000  
Dean Emeritus  
Dr. Ian Rusted cut  
the ribbon  
at the official  
opening of the  
Faculty of  
Medicine  
Founders'  
Archives, located  
in the Health  
Sciences Library.*



To honour its founding dean, the Faculty of Medicine seeks private support to endow the Dr. Ian Rusted Founder's Chair in Medical Education. The establishment of our first endowed chair will build on our reputation for innovation and leadership in medical education. This fund was initiated through the personal commitment of the late Dean Emeritus Dr. Ian Rusted.

Funding to support an endowment for the Founder's Chair is the initial goal of the Faculty of Medicine's Thousand Thousands Campaign, our Leadership Giving Program for MUN-MED Alumni. This is a way for our most loyal alumni to join together to celebrate their support with an annual gift of \$1,000.

Our Faculty of Medicine is renowned for producing medical graduates with exceptional practical skills. The establishment of the Dr. Ian Rusted Founder's Chair in Medical Education will enable us to build on our leadership position in a rapidly advancing field of medical education. Consistent with the intent of the founders of the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University, the Founder's Chair will be non-disciplinary, serving to advance all areas of medical education. The Founder's Chair will be a new faculty position to lead the future development of our medical education curriculum and delivery, including interactive information technology so the curriculum can be a resource everywhere, all the time.

The chair holder will be an innovator in medical education with a passion for developing Memorial University's unique potential to ensure that we continue to lead the training of the doctors of tomorrow.



## OUR FOUNDING DEAN



Dr. Ian Rusted's vision and determination were the two key factors that led to the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University in 1967. This was a remarkable accomplishment at that time as Memorial became one of the 16 universities in Canada to have a medical school.

*"Ian Rusted, with remarkable foresight, strategic timing and courage, led a carefully planned campaign to establish a much needed medical school in Newfoundland. When final approval was committed from federal and provincial sources, provision was included for both a medical school and a teaching hospital – a Health Sciences Centre. With Dr Rusted's appointment as the first dean of medicine in 1967, he sought to achieve excellence through radical changes in medical school curriculum and organization, and through appointment of faculty drawn from Newfoundland, Canada and abroad. The subsequent successes and achievements of the Faculty of Medicine and its graduates confirm his anticipations."*

*Dr. Albert R. Cox  
Dean of medicine 1974-87*

## **Biography**

Ian Edwin Rusted was born in Upper Island Cove, Newfoundland, on July 12, 1921 and died in St. John's July 14, 2007

Following high school in Carbonear and St. John's, he attended Memorial University College for a pre-medical diploma from 1938-40, followed by a BA from Trinity College, University of Toronto, in 1943. He then did a medical degree and rotating internship at Dalhousie University in 1948, followed by a M.Sc. from McGill University in 1949.

The award of a Fellowship in Medicine from the Mayo Foundation led to additional postgraduate experience at the Mayo Clinic, with several research publications emphasizing chest and cardiovascular diseases. In 1952, he declined invitations for positions at the Mayo Clinic and also at McGill University, choosing to return to what had now become the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Serving as medical consultant to the Department of Health and director of medical education at the General Hospital, Dr. Rusted's top priority was visiting cottage hospitals and other provincial institutions, working closely with rural doctors. During this period he collected information regarding the possibility of a new medical school in Atlantic Canada. He never wavered in his determination to see a medical school established at Memorial, despite sometimes fierce opposition.