

T. Reginald Harris, M.D., 1927 to 1999

T. Reginald Harris, M.D., vice-president and one of the original members of the board of directors for The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence, formerly Medical Review, died on March 6, 1999, and will be long remembered for his active role in many civic, professional and community activities.

Dr. Harris was the senior partner and founder of Shelby Medical Associates, where he practiced internal and pulmonary medicine. He graduated from the pharmacy school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed his medical training at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, with a fellowship in pulmonary disease at Duke University. He served on a number of state and national medical and advisory boards throughout his career, including: president, trustee, treasurer, and board member of the North Carolina Society of Internal Medicine; governor of the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Physicians; and delegate and active member of the American Medical Association, where he served on a number of commissions and panels. He served locally as chairman of the Department of Medicine and chief of staff at Cleveland Regional Medical Center; founder and medical director of the Cleveland Home Health Agency, Inc.; chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Health; chairman of the Medical Mutual Insurance Co.; and served as a board member, planner, and adviser to several medical committees.

In 1998, he was awarded the North Carolina Laureate Award by the NC American College of Physicians. In April, Dr. Harris was to receive the Mastership Honor from the American College of Physicians.