

John Clifford Richardson (1909-1986)

Dr. Richardson graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1932, then spent 3 years in further training at the Toronto General Hospital. He then studied neurology at Queen Square, London, England.

He was appointed to the Toronto General Hospital in 1937 initially combining neuropathology and clinical neurology. During World War II, he returned to Europe for 4 years, eventually becoming Chief Neuropsychiatrist to the Canadian Forces.

After the War, back in Toronto, he shifted to pure neurology. On succeeding Hyland as University and Hospital Head, he established a full training program in Neurology. He considered this his finest achievement.

Other notable accomplishments were a classic study of the pathology of cerebral aneurysms with Hyland and the definition of the condition he named "progressive supranuclear palsy".