

Harris Award Presented to Dr. Glasson in 2000

On November 10, 2000, John Glasson, MD, a retired orthopedic surgeon, received the distinguished Harris Memorial Award created by The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence, formerly Medical Review of North Carolina, Inc., to honor the life and memory of T. Reginald Harris, MD, one of its founding members. The award, presented to Dr. Glasson at the 2000 annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS), is presented annually to a North Carolina physician for outstanding achievements in healthcare quality and service to the medical community. Dr. Glasson, a life member of NCMS, is the second physician to receive the award. He was nominated by Don C. Chaplin, MD, NCMS President.

“Over his 38-year career, [Dr. Glasson] represented physicians well through his involvement in organized medicine,” Dr. Chapman had said.

“As a member of the first Peer Review Committee of the Society, Dr. Glasson worked to regulate the profession for the betterment of healthcare. He also served as chair of the Mediation Committee, the Council on Review and Development, and the Committee on Practice Pattern Variations. He was instrumental in developing stronger peer review organizations through his service on the North Carolina Medical Peer Review Foundation. He was a member of the board of directors for many years and served as chair of the Norms Committee. His work with this early organization helped to shape the future of peer review and, more importantly, the quality of care provided in North Carolina.”

Dr. Glasson, 82, worked in private practice in Durham, NC, from 1952–1990. He founded Triangle Orthopaedic Associates in 1977. During his long career, Dr. Glasson served as both delegate and alternate delegate for North Carolina physicians in the House of Delegates for the American Medical Association (AMA). He was also appointed to the prestigious Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs for the AMA, which developed opinions on new and challenging medical issues of the day, such as testing of patients with the AIDS virus, euthanasia, fetal research and genetic screening. The Council’s opinions later served as a model for today’s medical practice standards. Dr. Glasson also served as Chair of the first Peer Review Committee for the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, where he published the first national criteria for orthopedic practice. He served as Chair of the Council on Medical Services and as Chair of an Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Standards Review for Orthopedics.

Dr. Glasson’s professional memberships also extended to the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons, American Orthopedic Association, North Carolina Joint Conference Committee on Medical Care and the North Carolina Orthopedic Association.



Dr. John Glasson, right, was presented with the Harris Memorial Award in 2000 by the then CCME Board President Donald Wallace, MD.