

## Dr. Wallace Received Prestigious Award in 2008

Donald K. Wallace, MD, president of the CCME Board of Directors from 1983 to 2007, received the distinguished T. Reginald Harris Memorial Award, in conjunction with the North Carolina Medical Society's fall meeting. This year marks the tenth anniversary that the award, a plaque and a monetary prize of \$2,500, has been given by CCME in honor of the life and memory of T. Reginald Harris, MD, one of its founding members.

Dr. Wallace is currently retired from private practice in Pinehurst, NC. He was a Board-certified physician specializing in internal medicine and geriatrics. Throughout his career, Dr. Wallace served in numerous health care leadership positions. He served as a member of the board of directors and president of the medical staff at Moore Regional Hospital and as a member and secretary of the board of directors of the American Health Quality Association.

Dr. Wallace spent his career advancing the quality of care in North Carolina. His nominator best summed up Dr. Wallace's contributions by saying, "From his work to try to fairly address the physician concerns about the 'old days' of case review at CCME while balancing the need to address true quality concerns, to his advocacy for moving the organization toward a true quality-improvement focus, Dr. Wallace has shown true leadership and vision for what quality really means in health care. He has been a role model for many of us that have come after him in medicine in North Carolina."



**Dr. Donald Wallace, former board president for CCME, speaks at the fall meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society on October 18 after receiving the Harris Memorial Award.**