



## **Claude Fortier, MD**

Dr. Claude Fortier had a passionate commitment to the common good of medicine in Canada. He offered his services to numerous medical organizations in Canada and was a strong advocate of clinical research. Fortier took the lead as one of the early scientists to introduce computers as a tool for medical research. His own personal research was done in the medical field of neuroendocrinology, where he was considered a world expert in the hypothalamo-pituitary-adrenal cortex axis. Fortier received his medical degree from the University of Montreal in 1948. Before his death in 1986, Fortier's distinguished career was acknowledged with such prestigious awards as the Companion of the Order of Canada, the McLaughlin Medal from the Royal Society of Canada, the Marie-Victorin Science Award from the government of Quebec and the Wightman Award from the Gairdner Foundation.