

HUGH A. “CHIP” MCALLISTER, JR., MD '66



Born at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, DC, Dr. Hugh A. “Chip” McAllister, Jr. soon moved with his family to Lumberton, North Carolina. Dr. McAllister received his undergraduate education at Davidson College and his graduate education (MD, 1966) at UNC-Chapel Hill. Immediately after medical school, Dr. McAllister began an illustrious Army career as an intern at Walter Reed. This was followed by training in pathology and cardiac pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP). Dr. McAllister served as Chairman of the AFIP Department of Cardiovascular Pathology from 1971 until 1984.

Throughout his military career, Dr. McAllister was highly respected in cardiovascular pathology, both nationally and internationally. His exhaustive atlas, *Tumors of the Cardiovascular System* (1978)—prepared with Dr. John J. Fenoglio—is a recognized classic in medical literature. While in the Army, Dr. McAllister held academic appointments at the Uniformed University of the Health Sciences, Georgetown University School of Medicine, George Washington University School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University Hospital, and the UNC School of Medicine.

Upon his retirement from the Army as a Colonel in 1984, Dr. McAllister was recruited to become founding chairman of the new

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Department of Cardiovascular Pathology at the Texas Heart Institute (THI) in Houston. He also held appointments as Clinical Professor of Pathology at Baylor College of Medicine and the University of Texas Medical School. At THI, Chip continued his excellent scholarship by publishing journal articles, monographs, and book chapters. In addition, he collaborated in the editing and writing of 2 books, *Aortitis: Clinical, Pathologic and Radiographic Aspects* (1986) and *Atlas of Valvular Heart Disease: Clinical and Pathologic Aspects* (1997). For many years, Dr. McAllister served on the Editorial Board of the *Texas Heart Institute Journal* and on the Board of *Circulation*, where he edited the “Images in Cardiovascular Medicine” section.

While at THI, Dr. McAllister undertook research into the pathology of heart transplantation and rejection. He developed a system for grading cardiac allograft rejection which became the cornerstone in THI’s clinical management of the transplant patient. In fact, the THI grading scale for cardiac rejection subsequently became a model for the grading scale adopted by the International Society for Heart Transplantation.

Dr. McAllister retired from THI in 2000 and has been a leader and supporter of many prominent organizations. He currently serves as President of the UNC Medical Alumni Association, a member of the Executive Committee of the Medical Foundation of North Carolina, and as a member of the UNC Board of Visitors. In addition, Dr. McAllister servers on the National Council of the World Wildlife Fund and co-chairs their Marine Leadership Committee. 

