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### **Associated Medical Services**

#### **Biographical sketch:**

Associated Medical Services (AMS) has been a non-share, non-profit organization since 1937, and began operations as a provider of prepaid medical care plans under the leadership of Dr. Jason A. Hannah, who left his position as Provincial Neuropathologist to become Chief Medical Officer of the company. In 1976, AMS changed its function and was incorporated as a federally registered charity, being in possession of a significant reserve fund as directed by the Prepaid Hospital and Medical Services act of 1950. As a result of this effort, the Jason A. Hannah Institute for Research and Study of the History of Medicine (later: The Hannah Institute for the History of Medicine) was born under AMS direction. Since that time, its objectives have been to establish, maintain and advance studies in the history of medicine and to cooperate with organized medicine and educational institutions in the advancement of standards of medical service. Currently, AMS aims to facilitate education, research and other initiatives which promote the development and understanding of those human and social values that are fundamental to health.

In 1973, AMS signed agreements with the five Ontario universities offering medical training, ensuring that each received financial support for a Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine. For the next quarter century, AMS worked to strengthen the infrastructure for the development of library resources in the history of medicine. Collections were purchased and donated to the Hannah Chair locations, together with additional funds to support access and maintenance of the collections. The library of the Medical Society of London was purchased and donated to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto. The Hannah Institute then devised a Visiting Lecturer program, inviting distinguished speakers and scholars from the United States and overseas. In the late 1970s, programs for assistance in scholarly research and publication were initiated. An audiovisual program for the acquisition of film and microfiche banks was begun, and a series of films on outstanding physicians was commissioned. A major oral history program was established, as was an archives program. Special awards for scholarship in the history of medicine were initiated as well.

Establishing partnerships and initiating collaboration with other institutions and organizations has always been typical of AMS, as they have worked with such institutions as the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, and the five Ontario medical schools in the past.

In the 1980s, AMS initiated the Educating Future Physicians for Ontario (EFPO) program, under the overall guidance of Dr. Donald Wilson (AMS President, 1983-1996) and in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Health. With significant funding provided by AMS and the Ministry, supplemented by service-in-kind from the

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universities involved, the program expanded and flourished for ten years, influenced a generation of medical students with its focus on societal needs, and fostered new leadership in medical education in tandem with curriculum changes in the medical schools. As part of EFPO activity, fellowship programs for research in the health sciences and for more community-service-oriented endeavours were established.

Other AMS projects have included: An audiovisual program for the acquisition of film and microfiche banks, a series of films on outstanding physicians (entitled Making Canadian Medical History), A major oral history program, an archives program that saw development of a listing of provincial repositories and the provision of guidebooks and telephonic resources to assist individuals and institutions in the preservation of archives, a series of biographical monographs (titled Canadian Medical Lives, and published in partnership with Dundurn Press), and the establishment of a Consortium of Academic Health Libraries (COAHL).

Grants and Awards competitions offered through AMS have evolved and changed over the past quarter century and continue to do so as AMS is always in the process of starting new initiatives. Generally, grants and awards fall into 3 basic categories: History of Medicine, Bioethics, and Health Education. Grants in Bioethics, for example, were initiated in the 1990s, and the structure of the Health Education fellowships has changed significantly over the years. In addition to grants in History of Medicine, Bioethics, and Health Education, AMS also provides Board Grants and an annual Spaulding Award for continuing, long-standing contribution to the history of medicine and health care in Canada.

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