



Dr. David S. Sowell

THE GAFP EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION HONORS DAVID S. SOWELL, M.D. WITH ENDOWMENT

The Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Educational Foundation is honoring David S. Sowell, M.D, a family physician from Hampton, GA, by establishing an endowment that bears his name in the Medical College of Georgia Department of Family Medicine. This endowment will support faculty development. The Educational Foundation additionally funded the David S. Sowell, M.D. Scholarship award. The scholarship monies will award rising senior medical school students who have plans of a career in family medicine with tuition assistance.

Dr. Sowell is a founding member of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Educational Foundation which began in 1975 and is a longtime advocate for family medicine and family medicine initiatives. It is for these reasons and many others that the Foundation has chosen to honor Dr. Sowell with an endowment befitting his long time service to the specialty of family medicine. It was at Dr. Sowell's request that the Foundation fund the scholarship(s) awards as he wanted to offer help to family medical students because he remembered the help he received while in medical school and it was his wishes to try and return this support.

Upon his graduation in 1944 at the start of World War 2, Dr. Sowell joined the Navy and served in the Naval Reserves for two (2) years. In 1946, discharged from the Navy, Dr. Sowell attended Georgia State College where he received college credits under an accelerated program offered to veterans at the time. As he had earlier been accepted to Georgia Tech, he transferred and continued his studies at Georgia Tech where he had plans of a major in Electrical Engineering and was considering Architecture

Dr. Sowell stated that he never really considered it possible that he could be accepted to medical school; however, during a conversation with his brother who was three (3) years his elder, while the two were discussing what Dr. Sowell should do with his life, his brother suggested that he pursue medical school. That conversation changed his career direction with thoughts of a medical career.

In 1947, Dr. Sowell transferred to Emory University to begin pre-medical studies and in September of 1948, having received enough credits but actually prior to receiving a degree, Dr. Sowell was accepted at The Medical College of Georgia. He graduated from medical school in June of 1952; he served one year internship at a hospital in Macon, GA., and then joined a family practice in Dahlonga, GA., after a time in Dahlonga, he opened a solo practice in Pelham, Ga. After a few years in Pelham, he was offered an opportunity to come home to Atlanta and join a group practice in South Atlanta. After a few years in a group practice, Dr. Sowell decided to go out on his own again and he opened his own Family Medicine practice on the South side of Atlanta. He operated his own practice until the mid-1970s and then decided he was interested in trying something new. He accepted an opportunity to join an occupational medicine group practice in Hapeville, GA., where he stayed until his "retirement." Not ready to be fully retired and wanting to continue in medicine, he found an opportunity with bariatric, medical weight loss practice(s) where he still practicing medicine.

Dr. Sowell loved being a family Dr. and said, "I always felt that if I kept doing as good as I possibly could, good things would happen...and it did."

Graduating in 1952, Dr. Sowell has been a family physician for 60+ years. During his tenure he has served on the boards of many of the practices he worked with and in the general practice departments of the hospitals he has been associated with including, Chief of Family Medicine while with a group practice at Crawford Long, Secretary Treasurer of the Family Medicine Department at South Fulton Hospital, and he was Chief of Staff at Holy Family Hospital in Southwest Atlanta, GA. He has been a member of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians for 50 years and served at its president in 1983. He has additionally held office with the Georgia Academy of Family Physician Educational Foundation including Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Sowell and his wife Lynn have been married since 1977 and live in Hampton, GA.

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