



William Gallie, MD

Dr. William E. Gallie was a brilliant and innovative general surgeon with a particular expertise in orthopaedics. He devised numerous new methods in surgery, including the transplanted bone, the implantation of tendons, and skeletal traction in the treatment of fractures and dislocations of the spine. Gallie obtained his MD at The University of Toronto in 1903. After completing additional training in New York, Dr. Gallie returned in 1906 to Toronto to join the surgical staff of the Hospital for Sick Children. For many years, Dr. Gallie trained surgical residents in the traditional informal way, before establishing the first formal program of post-graduate surgical training in Canada in the 1940s. He was also instrumental in convincing Sam McLaughlin of General Motors of Canada to endow a foundation to support Canadian surgical trainees studying abroad. Dr. Gallie was awarded honorary doctorates by three universities, including the University of Toronto, and the Gold Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.