

# Introduction

## The Clinical Laboratory in Medical Practice

This issue of the Medical College of Virginia Quarterly is devoted to the 44th Annual McGuire Lecture Series held in March 1973, under the auspices of the Division of Clinical Pathology, Department of Pathology, and the Department of Continuing Education. The program was designed specifically for the nonpathologist physician and addressed itself to two broad goals: first, to provide a summary of recent advances in practical laboratory medicine and second, to offer a blueprint for quality assurance to those physicians who, of necessity, must operate their own office clinical laboratory. We were particularly pleased that the McGuire Lecturer this year was Dr. George Z. Williams, the first Professor of Clinical Pathology and Director of Laboratories at the Medical College of Virginia, and presently Director of the Institute of Health Research in San Francisco, California.

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