

EDWIN REITHMAYER, M.D.

Dr. Edwin Reithmayer was born and raised in the outskirts of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ed, as his friends knew him, entered a pre-medical curriculum at Battle Creek, Michigan, graduating with a BS in biology in 1938. He then attended Hahneman Medical School and graduated in 1942 following with a rotating internship at the Herron Road Hospital in East Cleveland. He was commissioned in the Air Force during the internship and then received an early medical discharge for suspect tuberculosis. He went on to take a surgical residency at Herron Road Hospital, and applied his surgical skill to his general and family practice since then.

Dr. Reithmayer served two terms as President of the SDAFP, the first in 1955 and then again in 1964. He then became active in the CAFP serving on numerous committees, several terms on the Board of Directors and rising through the offices of Vice-Speaker and Speaker of the Congress of Delegates to President-elect in 1973. In a quote from our late, yet esteemed 1982 SDAFP President, Sam Smith, "Ed was born in the age and arena of the blood and guts, jack-of-all-trades FP. He has had the tools and intelligence to become a fully competent well-rounded general practitioner in the purest sense. However, he has supported the development of the specialty of family medicine with many significant contributions to formation of the residency programs, board requirements, etc"

Edwin Reithmayer, M.D. passed away on April 24, 1975, during his CAFP presidency, while recovering from a surgical procedure in his fight with lung cancer.