



## **David Sackett, MD**

As the founder of Canada's first department of clinical epidemiology at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario in 1967, Dr. Sackett made significant contributions to how we measure the presence of diseases in populations, and in particular, how we assess the effectiveness of various forms of treatment. By employing precise models and innovative approaches, Dr. Sackett emphasized the importance of clinical trials and other forms of objective evidence in evaluating what the various possible forms of treatment accomplish, and how they can be made more effective for the patient's benefit. His textbook *Clinical Epidemiology: A Basic Science for Clinical Medicine* has gone through several editions and is a classic in the field.