

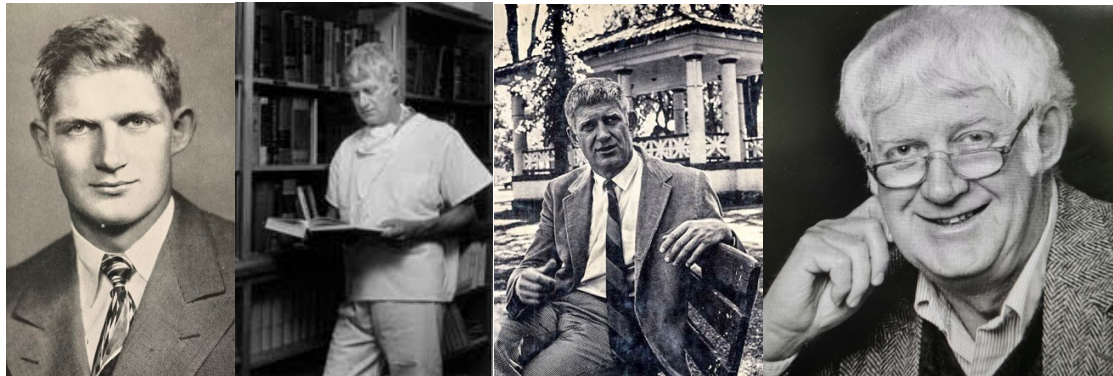


Holy Cross Physicians Association
Hall of Honor | 2022 Inductee

William Nolen MD. HC '49

*Compiled by Dr. William Hennrikus '78
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2022 Holy Cross Hall of Honor Inaugural Class



Birth: March 20, 1928. Holyoke Massachusetts, 5 siblings

1945 Holyoke High School

1949 College of the Holy Cross

1953 Tufts University Medical School

1953 Nov 28th: Married Joan Scheibel -- 6 children

1953-54 Internship: Cornell/Bellevue Hospital, New York City

1954-56 US Army Medical Corps: Igloo, South Dakota

1956-1960 General Surgery Residency: Bellevue Hospital

1960-1986 Lived and practiced General Surgery in Litchfield, MN, population 5,000

Death: Dec 20, 1986. Age 58 Heart Disease post 3 MI's and quintuple bypass surgery

Holy Cross Activities

Sodality club 1,2,3,4; Sanctuary society 1; Orchestra/Philharmonic 2,4; Freshman football 1; Varsity Track 2,3,4; Intramurals 1,2,3,4. Senior thesis: 'Leukemia'

Dr. Nolen was a prolific author--

He demonstrated candor, wit, raw honesty, unpretentiousness, humor, wisdom and selflessness. Dr. Nolen was humble, sentimental, insightful, self-deprecating, and humanistic. He was a classic story – teller.

Dr. Nolen advocated for the comfort and serenity of rural medicine -- not big city medicine.

He believed that many illnesses are psychological and not physical.

Dr. Nolen disagreed with medical educators that shortened medical education.

An example of Dr Nolen's humor and wit:

There are 3 types of doctors: Internists: who know everything but do nothing; surgeons: who know nothing and do everything; pathologists: who know everything and do everything, but too late.

Dr. Nolen's 8 + Books—his 9th book was a children's book

1970 The Making of a Surgeon -- New York Times Bestseller

1971 Spare Parts for the Human Body

1972. A Surgeon's World

1974. Healing: a Doctor in Search of a Miracle

1976. Surgeon Under the Knife

1978 Baby in Bottle

1980 Surgeon's Book of Hope

1984 Crisis Time: Love, Marriage, and the Male at Mid-life

Dr. Nolen's additional literary contributions

McCall's Magazine: a monthly medical advice article years > 100 articles

Medical Economics: > 30 articles

American Heritage Magazine: multiple articles

Esquire Magazine: multiple articles

Hospital Physician: multiple articles

Pubmed: 3 articles

Modern Medicine: a 16-page interview

Ladies Home Journal

Other articles in: American Legion Magazine, Catholic Digest, Medical Opinion, Medical Times, Minnesota Medicine, NEJM, Newsday, Pageant, PRISM, Read, Reader's Digest, RN, Science Digest, Surgery, Today's Health, and Vogue

Dr Nolen's National TV interviews

Tonight Show -- 10 times

Merv Griffin Show

Today Show

David Suskind Show

PBS TV

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