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Each year, it is a pleasure and an honor for me to present the *Linacre Quarterly* award to the author who, in the judgment of the selection committee, has written the best paper published during the preceding year. The recipient this year of the 1981 *Linacre Quarterly* award is C. Everett Koop, M.D., surgeon general and deputy assistant secretary for health of the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States.

A pediatric surgeon with worldwide experience, Dr. Koop was appointed deputy assistant secretary for health in February, 1981 and, nominated by President Reagan, was subsequently confirmed by the Senate and sworn in as surgeon general on Jan. 21, 1982.

Before joining HHS, Dr. Koop was surgeon-in-chief of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and professor of pediatric surgery and pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

The surgeon general oversees the activities of the 7,200-member PHS Commissioned Corps and also advises the public on matters such as smoking and health, diet and nutrition, environmental health hazards, and immunization and disease prevention.

Born Oct. 14, 1916 in Brooklyn, Dr. Koop was graduated from Dartmouth in 1937 and received his medical degree from Cornell Medical College in 1941. Following his internship and several years of postgraduate training, he received a doctor of science degree (medicine) in 1947. He held a number of positions in the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine prior to being appointed professor of pediatrics in 1971.

Dr. Koop holds membership in numerous professional organizations as well as in many international organizations, plus a number of honorary doctorates. He was awarded the Denis Browne Gold Medal, presented by the British Association of Pediatric Surgeons; the William E. Ladd Gold Medal of the American Academy of Pediatrics in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric surgery, and the Order of Duarte, Sanchez and Mella, the highest award of the Dominican Republic, for separating the conjoined Dominican twins. France awarded him the Medal of the Legion of Honor in 1980.

Married and the father of three, he has five grandchildren. Dr. Koop is the author of more than 170 articles and books on the practice of medicine.

This afternoon, after one of the local TV stations interviewed Dr. Koop, we asked him if he missed seeing patients, doing surgery, etc., and he said no. Enthusiasm for his new job is quite evident in this talented physician.

We are pleased that Dr. Koop can be with us tonight so that we can present him with the *Linacre Quarterly* award for his article "The Handicapped Child and His Family." It appeared in the February, 1981 issue of *Linacre* after having been originally delivered as an address to the National Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds in Chicago in September, 1980.

— John P. Mullooly, M.D.
Editor, *Linacre Quarterly*
