Charles Hollenberg, MD

Dr. Charles Hollenberg's academic career began at McGill University in the 1960s, where he carried out an active programme of research in fat metabolism, and actively promoted the growth of scientific medicine at the Montreal General Hospital. The following decade he spent as Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto, where he was successful in furthering the mission of the department in all areas: teaching, administration and, most notably, in research.

Dr. Hollenberg was particularly noted for his skill in recruiting and mentoring promising young researchers and practitioners. From 1981 to 1993 he was Director of the Banting and Best Diabetes Centre in Toronto, and from 1983 to 1989 Vice Provost (Health Sciences) in the Faculty of Medicine.

In 1991 Dr. Hollenberg accepted the position of President and CEO of the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation (OCTRF) and gave this organization, which had been providing excellent clinical care but was beset with administrative problems, a new life as Cancer Care Ontario and Cancer Care International. Dr. Hollenberg holds several Honorary Degrees and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1991.