



WARREN T BLUME AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Neuroanatomy in second year medicine became my favourite course at McGill and Neurology was the most interesting third year elective. These experiences determined career choice. Preparing a CPC on schizencephaly for a visit to Wisconsin by Paul Yakovlev fostered my interest in neuroscience as well as clinical neurology. At the Mayo Clinic Donald Klass, Reginald Bickford and Jean Reiher instilled the *discipline* and intrigue of clinical neurophysiology, learning that had been superbly initiated in Montreal by J. Preston Robb, Fred Andermann and Pierre Gloor. In

Paris the pioneering minds of Collette Dreyfus-Brisac and Nicole Monod in neonatal EEG added yet another dimension.

“We intend to make this the best clinical neuroscience programme in Canada” affirmed Henry Barnett and Charles Drake in convincing me to join the burgeoning department in London, Ontario in 1972. They achieved this goal and many more. After evaluating and operating on several extra-temporal and temporal intractable epilepsy surgery patients, John Girvin as neurosurgeon and I decided to found the Epilepsy Programme at University Hospital and University of Western Ontario in 1977, becoming the first Epilepsy unit in Ontario and the second in Canada after Montreal. A PhD from McGill in neurophysiology enabled John to add valuable insights to his considerable surgical skills. Our almost 30 year partnership is the highlight of my career.

As first CLAE president, the enormously stimulating and innovative Juhn Wada generously included me among its founding board. I later took my turn as its president as well as other Canadian and US EEG and epilepsy societies.
I cherish the honour that you have bestowed upon me.