

Dr. Wilson Honored for Alzheimers Work

by Christine Lee

L. James Wilson, M.D. has been with the Augusta Clinic, located on Lincoln Street for two years and he is also a member of Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire.

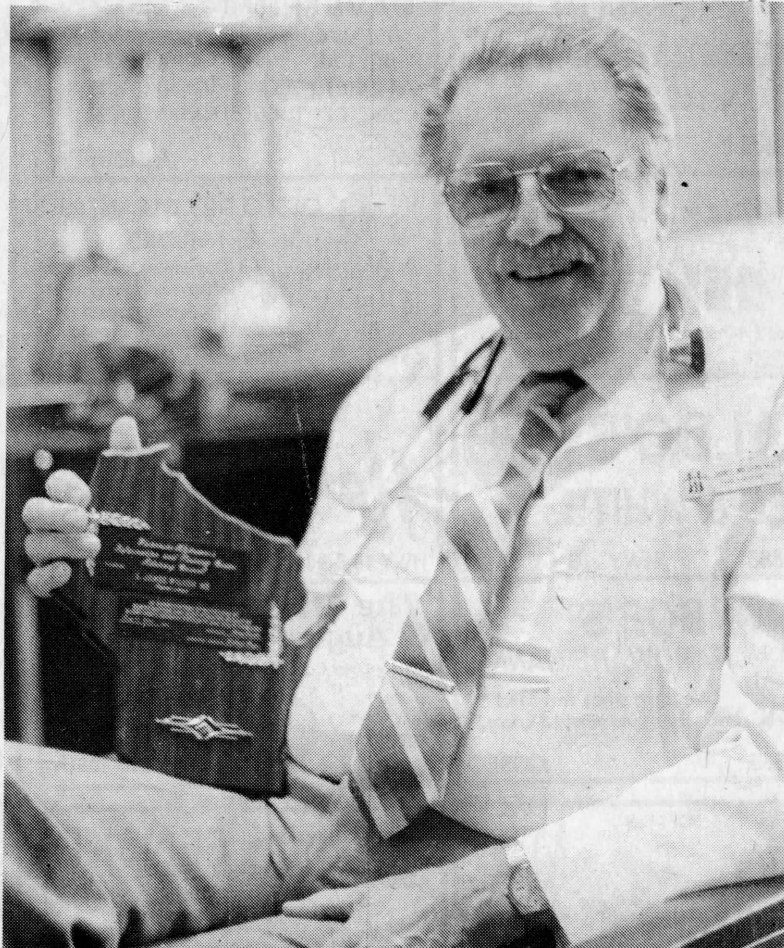
Wilson recently was recognized with an award of appreciation for his outstanding contribution and dedication through his work of assisting families and friends of Alzheimer's disease victims, learn more about the ways to live and cope with the symptoms and the conditions.

The award was presented to him by the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Information and Training Center Advisory Council in Appleton, WI.

He said that the first and most important step is to get an early diagnosis of the disease. Then to find out if the disease is reversible, treatable or if the symptoms are a result of other causes.

He noted that the 'Best' treatment for the Alzheimer's patient is through the loving support of their family.

He has taken on the responsibility of coordinating and initiating an Alzheimer's Support Group. He wanted to work on getting the message about the disease, rather than through meetings, by organizing a support and information group for Eau Claire County, which is part of the Indianhead Chapter of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association. The chapter is a non-profit organization, that has memberships and accepts donations and various contributions to aid in the education and the fundraising for research of the disease.



Dr. L. James Wilson received an award from the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Information and Training Center Advisory Council for his continuing work and contribution in supporting relatives and caregivers of Alzheimer's victims to cope with the disease.

Wilson worked on getting a chapter started in the west central area for about two and a half years, before finally getting one established. Before the Eau Claire County Chapter was organized, there were chapters in Wausau, Green Bay, Milwaukee and La Crosse.

Dunn and Chippewa Counties have just recently become formal chapters. Barron will soon be intro-

duced into territorial organization, with Clark, St. Croix, Pierce, Taylor and Jackson Counties meeting on an informal basis.

The Eau Claire Chapter meets once a month for the informational program and the other half of the time is spent sharing with other relatives and caregivers of Alzheimer's victims, as they learn to share their personal experiences and the ways they learn to cope with the disease.