The Responsibilities of Medicine in Wartime

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The needs of both the military and the civilian population for adequate medical care emphasize the danger of reduction of either the present-day standards of medical practice or the number of physicians. At present approximately five thousand physicians are graduating yearly from the seventy-six accredited medical schools of the country. When one considers, however, that the loss due to death, retirement and other causes is approximately three thousand a year, it becomes apparent that it is impossible to build a reserve pool of any size in a short period.

1 Concluding portion of the president's address before the American Medical Association at the ninety-third annual session, Atlantic City, N. J., June 9, 1942.
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