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**James McNaughton, M.D.**  
**Dean 1869-1874**

Dr. James McNaughton succeeded Dr. Alden March as Dean of Albany Medical College in 1869. Dr. McNaughton was born in Scotland, where he studied medicine and graduated from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. In 1817, he decided to leave Scotland and settled in Albany, where he opened a medical practice. His teaching career began at Fairfield Medical College in 1820 as a Professor of Anatomy and Physiology. As President of Albany's Board of Health, he played a major role in managing the cholera epidemic in 1832. In addition to his involvement with the Board of Health, he was also a member of the Albany County Medical Society, as well as President of the New York State Medical Society. After the closing of Fairfield Medical College in 1840, Dr. McNaughton accepted a teaching position at Albany Medical College and continued in that position, as well as serving as Dean starting in 1869, until his death in 1874.