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“Jeff has had a profound influence on me. His close and caring relationships with colleagues, students, and patients serve as an excellent standard for the rest of us.”
— Paul Fine, MD, U-M Internal Medicine

Former Student of Dr. Stross

Jeoffrey K. Stross, MD
A Career Devoted to Better Care

1967
MD, University of Michigan

1972-73
Chief Resident, Internal Medicine, U-M Medical Center

1974-79
Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, University of Michigan

1976-88
Chief, U-M Division of General Medicine

1977-88
Associate Professor, Internal Medicine, University of Michigan

1983-94
Associate Chair, Patient Care Programs, U-M Internal Medicine

1988-2005
Professor, Internal Medicine, University of Michigan

1993-98
Coordinator, Primary Care Clerkship, U-M Internal Medicine

2005
Professor Emeritus, Internal Medicine, University of Michigan

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JEFFREY K. STROSS PROFESSORSHIP IN GENERAL MEDICINE

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The Jeoffrey K. Stross Professorship in General Medicine
Dr. Jeffrey K. Stross has been, and always will be, a shining example of a “Michigan Man.” After graduating from Mumford High School in Detroit in 1958, he attended the University of Michigan’s Pharmacy School and then its Medical School. He entered the House Staff Training Program as an intern and first year resident. Following his second year as a resident, Dr. Stross served in the United States Air Force from 1969-71, rising to the rank of Major. Upon leaving, he returned to Michigan, where he completed his residency and served as Chief Resident in the Department of Medicine and eventually joined the faculty of the Department of Internal Medicine in 1973.

Dr. Stross soon became the Physician-in-Charge of the Ambulatory Care Division and was later named Physician-in-Charge of the General Medicine Division and Associate Chairman of Patient Care Programs. It was during this time as Associate Chairman from 1983-1994, that he helped to build what has become one of the preeminent departments of Internal Medicine in the country with Chairman, William Kelley.

“Dr. Stross has devoted his entire professional life to the University of Michigan and to his patients. With his striving for excellence and expecting it from himself and his colleagues, he helped move the Department of Internal Medicine to the forefront of departments in the country.

Jeff applies that same intellectual intensity and dedication to the care of his patients. He has served as a role model for young physicians who he has helped guide during their time at Michigan. Finally and, most importantly, he has touched the lives of countless patients, providing them with the highest level of care and caring.

Those so touched, be they students or patients, realize the special care and attention he provided. We hope, through this professorship, to both celebrate his career and to support future faculty who share his devotion and caring to both students and patients.”

— Laurence F. McMahon, Jr., MD, MPH
Chief, Division of General Medicine

TO IMPROVING THE FIELD

Dr. Stross’ research in continuing medical education made great strides and his work in defining how physicians seek advice from “educationally influential physicians” in their community is viewed as a seminal contribution to the field. His research was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, The New England Journal of Medicine, and the Annals of Internal Medicine.

Through his commitment to excellence, Dr. Stross continued to take on new responsibilities. He served as a member and Chairman of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, utilizing both his pharmacy and internal medicine skills. He was also sought out for his management expertise, serving on the Executive Committee for Clinical Affairs, as the Executive Chairman, the Bed Utilization Committee, and as Associate Chief of Clinical Affairs for Clinical Operations. Nationally, he served on important committees for the Society of General Internal Medicine, the American College of Physicians, and the American Heart Association.

“I actually looked forward to visits with Dr. Stross... He was always generous with his time and consistently provided calm, straightforward, and effective assessments. Both my wife and I would consider ourselves very fortunate if we were to find another doctor who embodied the many positive characteristics of Dr. Stross.”

— Richard Nerod, Senior Vice President, General Motors

AND TO PEOPLE

Whether on the wards, in the hallway, teaching medical students, or assisting junior faculty, Dr. Stross was always available, willing, and committed to enhancing the quality of care, teaching, and faculty in the Department of Internal Medicine. For more than 35 years, medical students and residents have benefited from his clinical knowledge and skill, as have numerous grateful patients.

A professorship that builds upon his career combining both excellence and care in General Medicine will be an enduring legacy that continues to improve the field.