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Michael A. DiPietro
LECTURESHIP IN RADIOLOGY

Michael A. DiPietro:

Advancing Education in Radiology

During his career at the University of Michigan, Michael DiPietro, MD, has played a leadership role in graduate, resident, and medical student education. "Education is extremely important to me," he explains, "though I also enjoy the clinical service and research aspects of my career."

Talking at length about his teaching philosophy, Dr. DiPietro explains that his primary goal as a teacher is to nurture intellectual curiosity. "I try to convince students that they can learn something interesting from every case. I also encourage them to get in the habit of asking: what is or what should be the clinical question and is this the best study to answer it?"

By all accounts, Dr. DiPietro has succeeded at stimulating students' curiosity. Numerous fellows and colleagues have described him as an inspired and inspiring educator, who always takes time to answer questions and to search for explanations.

For his exceptional teaching skills, Dr. DiPietro became the fifth radiologist to receive the Society for Pediatric Radiology's prestigious Jack O. Haller Award for Excellence in Teaching.

"There is no such thing as 'just another case' when working with Dr. DiPietro as a trainee. Instead, every case, whether it is as 'simple' as a portable chest radiograph for line placement or as complex as a CT examination, becomes a teaching opportunity. Dr. DiPietro has a particular fondness for what he refers to as 'tell me a story' cases. These are imaging examinations . . . which a patient's complete medical history can be elicited. It is in this reading room setting surrounded by trainees that Dr. DiPietro particularly excels."

*Jonathan Dillman, MD, Former Trainee
Assistant Professor, Pediatric Radiology, University of Michigan*

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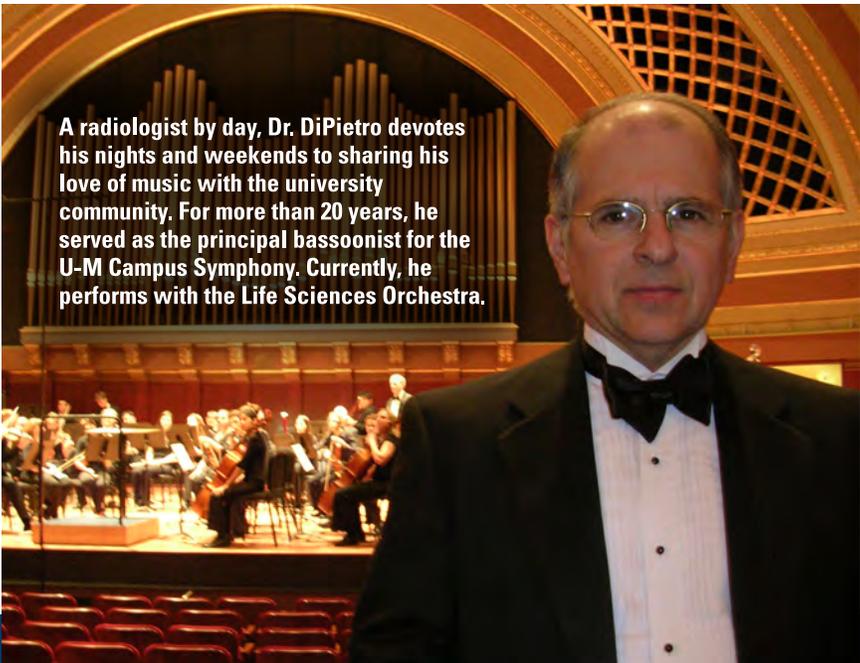
A native of Albany, NY, Dr. DiPietro earned his BS from Union College in Schenectady, NY, and his MD from the State University of New York in Syracuse. He then completed a residency in pediatrics (including a year in pediatric pathology and pediatric radiology) at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, a residency in diagnostic radiology at Yale, and a two-year fellowship in pediatric radiology at Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. In 1982, Dr. DiPietro came to Ann Arbor with his wife and son when he joined the radiology faculty at U-M, becoming a full professor in 1996. Nine years later he was named the first John F. Holt Collegiate Professor of Radiology.

During his time at U-M, DiPietro has assumed several prominent roles within the department, including acting and associate director of the Section of Pediatric Radiology. Currently, he is the director of Medical Student Education in Radiology, a role that enables him to pursue his passion for improving medical education. He also holds the distinction of being an American Academy of Pediatrics fellow and former chair of its Radiology Executive Committee.

His principal clinical research interests are pediatric spinal canal, brachial plexus, and musculoskeletal sonography. He has helped organize and teach Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Society courses in collaboration with international colleagues for the past 22 years.

"After working with Dr. DiPietro during my residency and fellowship, I can still hear his voice with his major teaching points echoing in my mind. Dr. D. is a very curious man, never letting a strange observation fall through as a potential learning experience. His mind is always on teaching and learning, keeping a small notebook in his white coat pocket to which he would add interesting cases for future reference. We still keep in touch, and last I heard he is on volume 96 of that notebook, perfectly preserving the prior notebooks for future learning opportunities. His inquisitive nature is infectious and inspirational, especially to those wishing to continue the tradition of teaching future doctors, radiologists, and pediatric radiologists."

*Melissa Himes, MD, Former Trainee
Assistant Professor, Pediatric Radiology
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Michael A. DiPietro, MD

Dr. DiPietro has been recognized for his contributions by numerous professional societies and institutions.

- 1980 Van Myer Award
Boston Children's Hospital
- 1989 Faculty Teaching Award
Radiology Residents, University of Michigan
- 1990 Silver Medal Award for Paper Presented at:
The Society for Pediatric Radiology
- 1995 Elected fellow member
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
- 1998 Bronze Medal Award for Paper Presented at:
The Society for Pediatric Radiology
- 1998–2012 Inclusion in:
The Best Doctors in America
- 2007–2012 "Excellence in Teaching of Medical Students" Commendation
Department of Radiology, University of Michigan
- 2009 Jack O. Haller Award for Excellence in Teaching
Society for Pediatric Radiology
- 2010 Caffey Award for best Case Report Poster
Society for Pediatric Radiology
- 2012 University of Michigan Medical School –
"Lifetime Achievement Award in Clinical Care"
- 2012 University of Michigan Medical School –
"League of Educational Excellence - Inaugural Member"

"Dr. Michael A. DiPietro has great passion for his work in pediatric radiology. Even with years of experience, he has terrific curiosity and interest for learning. Mike is always dedicated to the patient first and foremost—doing the proper study, performing the study as well as can be done, and interpreting the study with care and to the utmost benefit of the patient and their physician. On a daily basis, Mike is willing to go the extra mile to do a study better or offer a more learned and useful report. Mike is truly the "patients' radiologist."

*Peter J. Strouse, MD, Professor
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The University of Michigan Tradition

To honor the importance of Dr. DiPietro's contributions to medical education at the University of Michigan, the Department of Radiology is pleased to announce a new campaign to establish the Michael A. DiPietro, Lectureship in Radiology.

Each year, an accomplished radiologist will be invited to U-M to share his or her knowledge and to exchange ideas with the radiology faculty and trainees. The Lectureship will inspire trainees, broaden understanding, and move the field of radiology forward, both at U-M and throughout the country.

Please join us in honoring Dr. DiPietro's incredible legacy through a gift to the Michael A. DiPietro, Lectureship in Radiology.

To learn how you can contribute, please contact Alisha Faciane at affenty@umich.edu or at 734.763.1636.

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