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Dr. Silver:

Dedication to Education and Teaching

Born and raised in New York City, a diehard NY Yankee and Michigan Wolverine fan, Terry Silver, M.D., professor emeritus of radiology, knew in high school he wanted to become a physician. Although, he says, "I had assumed that I would attend college in NY, my advisor recommended Michigan, primarily because of its high percentage of pre-med students." Thus, in 1962, Dr. Silver boarded a jet plane and headed west for undergrad. The University of Michigan's strong academic programs and sports tradition appealed to him, and he became a loyal Wolverine. His first contact with the U-M Medical School occurred as an undergraduate. "I worked one summer in the biochemistry department, the other in the pharmacology department," he recalls.

After graduating with a B.S. with distinction in 1966, Dr. Silver returned to New York City for both medical school and internship at State University of New York (SUNY)-Downstate. "I was initially exposed to radiology between my junior and senior years in medical school, working with a very dynamic mentor, Jack Rabinowitz, M.D., chair of radiology at Brooklyn Hospital," Dr. Silver recalls. "However, I was thrilled to return to Ann Arbor for my radiology residency."

Dr. Silver joined the radiology faculty as an instructor in 1974, upon completion of his residency. His growing expertise in the newly emerging field of diagnostic ultrasound made him a pioneer of the modality. Although ultrasound is a widely used imaging technique nowadays, it was a relatively new subspecialty when Dr. Silver began his academic career. By 1981, at age 37, Dr. Silver had achieved full professorship.

During the late 70s, Dr. Silver helped develop the technique of neonatal cranial ultrasound, which became the standard procedure for detecting intracranial hemorrhage in premature infants. Realizing that there was a growing need for ultrasound education, Dr. Silver founded and annually directed a very popular postgraduate course, "A Practical Seminar in Diagnostic Ultrasound," at the U-M Medical School from 1977 to 2000. Dr. Silver says he is appreciative of the breadth of opportunities he had at U-M. He served as ultrasound division director (1976-87), the Department of Radiology's first associate chair (1984-92), and director of Postgraduate Medical Education Programs (1992-2002). He was also instrumental in recruiting several top-notch faculty to the department, including Drs. Gary Glazer, Paul Carson, Melvyn Korobkin and Robert Bree. Within the U-M Health System, Dr. Silver served on the Executive Committee for the Medical School and the Executive Committee of Clinical Affairs.

Beyond his U-M career, Dr. Silver was one of the original 30 members of the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (SRU) and served for 10 years as an oral board examiner for the American Board of Radiology (ABR). He received ABR's Distinguished



Achievement Award in 2000. Dr. Silver was awarded fellowship status in the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, the American College of Radiology, the Society of Uroradiology, and the SRU.

Academic honors from the Alumni Association of SUNY-Downstate College of Medicine include the Alumni Achievement Award; the Harry Z. Mellins, M.D., Master Teacher Award in Radiology; and the Frank L. Babbott, M.D., Memorial Award for distinguished service to the medical profession and the community.

After retiring in May 2009, Dr. Silver was honored to achieve professor emeritus status and be recognized as "a distinguished medical educator and investigator." Since retirement, he has audited courses at the U-M and spends winters in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Silver is still involved with the U-M in many capacities including the Victors and Presidents Clubs, and Medical Center Alumni Society.

Dr. Silver also enjoys traveling abroad, revisiting many of the countries where he had previously lectured, and within the United States, especially visiting his four grandchildren, and three adult children, in whom he takes great pride. Oldest child Jill Silver Levine co-founded the Robbie Levine Foundation (in memory of her first child), which raises awareness of the need for AEDs in saving lives. His son David is the CEO of an educational organization (College Track) which empowers students from underserved communities to graduate from college. Youngest daughter Michelle is pursuing a master's degree at the U-M School of Public Health.

Reflecting on his productive career, Dr. Silver is grateful to the University of Michigan for making it possible for him to enjoy a successful radiology career and life, and a wonderful relationship with the university spanning over six decades.

Reflections on Dr. Silver's Career and Contributions

"Dr. Silver's dedication to education was evident not only in his daily teaching on the clinical service, but also the courses he organized in ultrasound. He was the leading force in establishing the successful model for the University of Michigan Radiology CME course in Phoenix. This course has become the model for all of our off site courses."

*Dr. N. Reed Dunnick, Fred Jenner Hodges Professor and Chair of Radiology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

"Dr. Silver was one of the true pioneers of clinical Ultrasound. His passion and knowledge enabled him to have a significant impact on his field both locally and nationally for many years. His legacy in Ultrasound is still felt today at Michigan thru the many residents, fellows and faculty he trained and mentored."

*Dr. Joel Platt, Professor of Radiology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

"Terry Silver was a pioneer in the development of diagnostic ultrasound both at the University of Michigan and nationally. He taught a generation of fellows and residents the importance of this emerging modality. He remained a friend and colleague to me and many others throughout his career."

*Dr. Michael A. Sandler, Radiologist
Henry Ford Medical Center, Detroit*

"In addition to his legacy as an ultrasound pioneer, I remember the times when Terry the master educator was "at the alternator" surrounded by attentive residents and medical students who were transfixed by his explanations of anatomy and disease as seen through diagnostic imaging. He charmed them through his knowledge, charisma and passion for seeing the light bulb go off over their heads!"

*Dr. Ella A. Kazerooni, Professor of Radiology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

"I first met Terry after arriving in Ann Arbor to pursue a residency in Internal Medicine. I frequently took the bus to work at 7am. One January day when the bus was late, a car pulled up and this guy asked me if I wanted a ride. Turned out, the driver was Terry doing a good deed. We talked a lot about new developments in Radiology which sparked my interest in the field. I will always remember that day when a generous stranger offered me a ride."

*Dr. Mark Helvie, Professor of Radiology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

A Deep Commitment to Excellence in Teaching and Mentorship

The Terry M. Silver Collegiate Professorship in Radiology seeks to do two very important things. One is to honor Dr. Silver's contributions to medicine, to the Department of Radiology, and to his many residents, fellows, and colleagues. The other is to ensure that the excellence Dr. Silver exemplifies continues to thrive in the department.

In his 38 year career at the University of Michigan, Dr. Silver was a dedicated educator, mentor and clinician. His leadership in clinical ultrasound and teaching will leave a lasting legacy through those he trained. Realizing the growing need for education in ultrasound, Dr. Silver developed courses that taught sonographers, medical students, radiology residents and fellows. His excellence in teaching has advanced the field through those he's trained both at Michigan and around the world.

It is this kind of vitality and excellence that makes the University of Michigan one of the most esteemed in the nation, able to attract and retain talent of the highest caliber. It is also what the community served by U-M's Health System has come to expect and from which it benefits.

Please consider contributing to the Terry M. Silver Collegiate Professorship in Radiology. The generosity of alumni, faculty, colleagues, family, friends, and the community the university serves helps to ensure that the excellence exemplified by Dr. Silver continues to distinguish the university and the Department of Radiology.

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