The development of the Giles G. Bole, MD, Collegiate Professorship is part of a vision to foster the expansion of the clinical, educational, and research programs in Rheumatology.

The Division of Rheumatology would like to recognize the importance of Dr. Bole’s contributions to the University of Michigan and the leadership he has provided the field through a named professorship, the highest honor the University bestows upon a faculty member. In addition to honoring the career of Dr. Bole and creating a lasting legacy, the Giles G. Bole, MD, Collegiate Professorship in Rheumatology will provide ongoing financial support which will allow further faculty members to focus on the development and expansion of the Rheumatology division.

Please join us in honoring Dr. Bole through a gift to the Giles G. Bole, MD, Collegiate Professorship in Rheumatology.

“Giles Bole, a master clinician and a gifted educator, has been a role model for generations of trainees and faculty. His dedication to the development of new knowledge and its application to patient care have moved the field of rheumatology forward, at Michigan and throughout the nation.”

– David Fox, MD
Professor, Department of Internal Medicine
Chief, Division of Rheumatology
Director, Rheumatic Diseases Core Center

GILES G. BOLE, MD
RHEUMATIC DISEASE PIONEER

1953 MD, UM Medical School
1959 Assistant Professor, UM Internal Medicine
1964-1969 Associate Professor, UM Internal Medicine
1969-1986 Director, Rackham Arthritis Research Unit
1970-2003 Professor, UM Internal Medicine
1975-1986 Chief, Division of Rheumatology, UM Internal Medicine
1980-1981 President, American College of Rheumatology
1986-1990 Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, UM Medical School
1986-1988 Senior Associate Dean, UM Medical School
1988-1990 Executive Associate Dean, UM Medical School
1990-1991 Interim Dean, UM Medical School
1991-1996 Dean, UM Medical School
1996-present Dean Emeritus, UM Medical School

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Dr. Bole has dedicated his entire career to U-M. In addition to serving as a member of the Internal Medicine faculty, he has held a number of senior administrative positions, culminating with his appointment as Dean of the Medical School in 1990. He oversaw the appointment of 12 Department Chairs, as well as the appointment of the Director of the NIH General Clinical Research Center and Co-directors of the Mental Health Research Institute.

He was Director of the Rackham Arthritis Research Unit (1969-86) and Chief of the Rheumatology Division in the Department of Internal Medicine (1973-86). He has served as Senior Associate Dean, Executive Associate Dean and Dean of the U-M Medical School. During his tenure as Dean, the Medical School moved from 16th to 9th in rankings of research-intensive medical schools in the U.S. News and World Report survey.

In addition to being a leader in the field of Rheumatology, Dr. Bole has also been defined as a well-respected teacher. He has motivated and mentored countless fellows, colleagues, and friends who have gone on to distinguished careers themselves.

“Giles Bole is one of the finest teachers of Rheumatology I have ever known. He taught me to write, too! I will always treasure my memories of his kind and encouraging presence.”
– Sara E. Walker, MD, MACP, MACR, Former Fellow

“I remember Dr. Bole saying ‘leaders live to support other people and give up their own self promotion.’ He really took great joy in fostering the careers of his fellows.”
– Lawrence Edwards, MD, Former Fellow

In 1992, he led the redesign of medical student curriculum, the first such change in 23 years. The School started using a radically new curriculum, and, to better serve the students, class size was reduced from 207 to 170. Near the end of Dr. Bole’s tenure as dean, the Medical School also commissioned a cultural diversity audit, helping the School to critically assess itself and develop new ways of integrating the values associated with diversity into the School’s culture.

Dr. Bole’s leadership also brought about improvement and growth in the physical plant of the Medical School and the entire University of Michigan Medical Center. Medical Science Research Building III was built, and the older Medical Science Buildings I and II were renovated and remodeled. The Medical School administration was instrumental in the remodeling and reconstruction of the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center.

“Dr. Bole had tremendous clinical judgement and true people skills — he always shook hands and connected with his patients.”
– Christiane Arserver, MD, Former Fellow

“I still get emotional talking about Dr. Bole because he was such an important and special person in my life. I believe I owe to him my life with tolerable rheumatoid arthritis physically, emotionally, and mentally.”
– Margaret A. Gregory, Grateful Patient

A professorship that builds upon Dr. Bole’s career dedicated to exceptional leadership at Michigan, and both patient care and research in Rheumatology will be an enduring legacy that continues to improve the field.

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