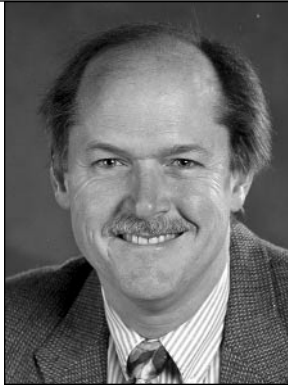


OUTSTANDING CLINICIAN AWARD

Larry Junck, M.D.

Professor of Neurology



Dr. Larry Junck has served as a neuro-oncologist on the U-M faculty since 1983, handling this responsibility solo from 2001 until earlier this year. He has been director of the Neuro-Oncology Clinic and Neuro-Oncology Program since 2001. Considered a leader in his field, Dr. Junck's focus is on patients with brain and spinal cord tumors, cancer involving the nervous system, and complications of cancer and its treatment. Although he deals with some of the most difficult and challenging problems seen in the field of neurology and neurosurgery on a daily basis, our patients, their families and Dr. Junck's peers all recognize the unflinching quality of his service and devotion to patients.

Dr. Junck conducts clinical trials in search of improved treatment for brain tumors. In addition, he has gained a national reputation as an expert in patient care for these disorders, including symptom management and end-of-life care. He brings a philosophy of providing holistic care centered on the needs of the patient, an approach that typically starts at or before diagnosis and continues, when necessary, until death.

Dr. Junck pays special attention to the prevention and early detection of complications as well as management of the emotional aspects of this difficult disease. He takes responsibility for ensuring that patients have a good experience from the beginning to the end of their care in both inpatient and outpatient settings, and he collaborates closely with colleagues from other disciplines to provide this care.

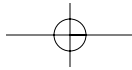
One colleague says, "Patients with brain tumors develop not only physical changes but changes in their personality. Dr. Junck takes consistently outstanding and compassionate care of these patients. The volume and quality of care that he delivers is remarkable."

Another colleague remarks, "Dr. Junck has been a leader in clinical trials for patients with brain tumors, and through all these efforts has always provided cutting-edge care for all of our patients."

As chair of the Brain Tumor Board, his recommendations influence the management of patients not directly under his care, and he sets a high standard for care of these patients in allied disciplines.

Dr. Junck supervises residents who assist in providing care to neuro-oncology patients in outpatient and inpatient settings. He takes responsibility for teaching them standard practices in the management of these patients and for teaching them his philosophy. He also teaches principles of ethics and end-of-life care. In 2004, neurology residents awarded him with the Department of Neurology Teaching Award. In 2005, the American Academy of Neurology honored him with a Teaching Recognition Award for the high standards of patient care that he teaches residents.





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In addition to his activities in patient care, clinical research and teaching, Dr. Junck has been active in the Michigan State Medical Society, where he has served on the Advisory Committee for End-of-Life Care and is a member of the House of Delegates.

Dr. Junck says, "I like to travel, especially if it allows me to experience the grandeur of nature. I participate in activities in support of environmental causes. I enjoy bicycling, cross-country skiing, hiking and sailing.

"I would like to thank my previous chair, Sid Gilman, and my current chair, David Fink, for their strong support. I would like to thank my two daughters, Emily and Molly. And I would like to thank my patients, who constantly inspire me to give my best effort on their behalf."

