

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

### *Regents Communication*

#### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**  
**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Milton D. Gross, M.D.**, professor of radiology and professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2019.

Dr. Gross received his B.S. (1970) and M.D. (1974) degrees from the University of Michigan. He completed an internal medicine residency (UH 1977) and a combined nuclear medicine and endocrinology and metabolism fellowship (UH 1980). He joined the University of Michigan Medical School faculty as an assistant professor in 1980, and was promoted to associate professor in 1984, and professor in 1989. He served as chief of the Nuclear Medicine Service at the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in Ann Arbor from 1980-2019 and as national program director of the Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Safety Service at the Department of Veterans Affairs Health System in Washington, D.C. from 1990-2015.

Dr. Gross' research focused on the use of radioisotopes in endocrine diagnostic imaging and therapy. He confirmed the functional relationship of radiotracer uptake to endocrine dysfunction in the adrenal cortex and pioneered the use of pharmacologic manipulation to enhance the diagnostic utility of radiolabeled cholesterol in diseases of the adrenal cortex. He was a member of the team that developed radiolabeled metaiodobenzylguanidine, a theragnostic agent for diseases of the adrenal medulla. He co-authored over 250 scholarly publications and 97 textbook chapters as well as co-edited two textbooks on nuclear medicine. Dr. Gross created the first tele-nuclear medicine network in Michigan providing interpretation of diagnostic nuclear medicine images at the Ann Arbor VA from scans performed at the Saginaw, Battle Creek, and Fort Wayne VA hospitals and the VA's Toledo outpatient clinic. He formed the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Radiation Safety Committee, a group he also chaired for many years, to provide oversight of the medical use of radioisotopes throughout the organization. Dr. Gross was actively involved in training programs for medical students, house officers, and fellows in both the Department of Internal Medicine and the Department of Radiology. Dr. Gross was a fellow of the American College of Physicians, the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and the American College of Nuclear Medicine.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Milton D. Gross, professor emeritus of radiology and professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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