



Honoring a Renaissance Man: **The Robert J. Joynt Neurology Resident Education Fund**

Dr. Robert Joynt was one of the most influential neurologists of the last half century, and the founder of UR Medicine's Department of Neurology.

In 1966, Dr. Joynt was tapped to create the department, an effort that began with three full-time neurologists. Today, the department is home to more than 25 times that number and is widely regarded as one of the top Departments of Neurology in the nation. Thanks in large part to Dr. Joynt's teaching prowess, Rochester quickly became a top choice for young neurologists in training, a tradition that continues under the leadership of Ralph Jozefowicz, M.D., residency program director.

Dr. Joynt was a beloved member of the University's community. If you ask anyone who knew him what

he was like, they will not only tell you that he was a role model to so many at the Medical Center—a consummate clinician and educator—but that he was a dear and wise friend who had an easy way with people, a sharp wit, and was always ready with a good joke. Dr. Joynt was, in short, a legend.

“Bob was a true renaissance man, with more knowledge on more topics than most people can imagine,” said Bradford Berk, ’81M (MD) ’81M (PhD), CEO of the Medical Center. “Bob taught me neurology when I was a medical student, and part of the reason he was such an extraordinary teacher is because he knew how to make you laugh.”

It was Dr. Joynt’s conclusion that the Medical Center could benefit from a more integrated leadership structure. Thus was born a new position—which he was first to hold—that brought the academic and clinical missions of the Medical Center together. Dr. Joynt was the first individual to oversee both the academic enterprise of the School of Medicine and Dentistry as well as the patient-focused clinical enterprise that includes Strong Memorial Hospital. Under this integrated leadership model, the Medical Center has flourished and has undergone unprecedented growth.

Dr. Joynt never retired. He could be found every day working at the Medical Center, mentoring students and colleagues alike. The Robert J. Joynt Neurology Resident Education Fund was established in 2013 in memory of our founding chairman who set the tone for the entire department.

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One of Dr. Joynt's highest priorities was the training of residents in the adult and pediatric neurology residency programs. As a result of his early efforts, the University of Rochester Neurology residency programs have become among the premier programs in the country; their graduates hold distinguished careers in academics and practice that encompass research, education and patient care.

Dr. Joynt realized the need for neurology residents to have opportunities to travel in order to teach, to network among peers, and to present at scientific meetings; simply, to broaden one's horizons. Finding funds to consistently support these opportunities is a challenge.

The purpose of the Robert J. Joynt Neurology Resident Education Fund is to provide financial support to adult and child neurology residents for travel to educational meetings and international electives, and to support other educational initiatives for our residents that could not be funded otherwise. The Chair of the Department of Neurology, in consultation with the Associate Chair for Education, will be responsible for disbursements from this fund.

For more information on the Robert J. Joynt Neurology Resident Education Fund, please contact Marc Misuerewicz at (585) 276-3595 or marc.misuerewicz@rochester.edu.

"The first word that comes to mind when thinking of Bob is integrity. He was honest and straightforward, and did his job without fanfare. He was generous of spirit in his approach to everyone. He was just a totally decent human being."

—Jules Cohen, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Medical Humanities and former Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education at the University of Rochester Medical Center