

AS A MEDICAL STUDENT IN THE 1970S, I WAS WORKING ON A neurology rotation in Minnesota when CT scans first arrived in the Twin Cities. It seemed like a miraculous advance: the ability to see the brain without performing highly invasive procedures. That technology changed everything in neurology, and it's an example of the ongoing, dramatic changes in medicine.

Achieving change on any scale, however, takes leadership, and that reality is reflected in the stories in this issue of *Medicine at Michigan*. That change might come in the form of technological innovation, as led by Bob Bartlett, M.D. Dr. Bartlett's work has helped save thousands of lives while creating an atmosphere of innovation that will improve the health of generations to come, as we show in "Bringing Lungs to Bloom."

The long history of radiology detailed in "100 Years of Radiology at Michigan" reveals another instance of leadership. What began with a simple X-ray has expanded to include acoustic scalpels and new uses of ultrasound. These advances and innovations only happen with visionary leadership.

"Saving Dru" tells the story of Dru Hendricks and how physicians across the country with close Michigan ties intervened to care for her, literally saving her life. This young girl's journey reminds us of so much: of the interconnectedness of medicine; of the clinicians around the world who began their careers in our classrooms and expanded their skills through our training programs; and, critically, of the importance of our work.

"Leaders and best" — in the lab and the clinic, and beyond our halls — is our legacy and our future, and we have every intention of keeping it so.

Sincerely,



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