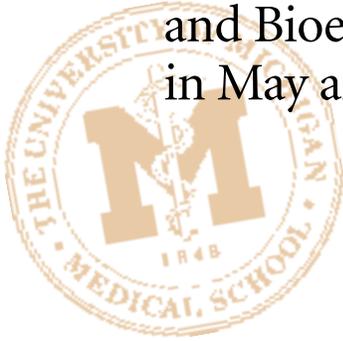


# Endowed Professorships

## in Hematology/Oncology and Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering Are Inaugurated at Ceremonies in May and June



**T**wo new endowed professorships were inaugurated in the Medical School in the spring thanks to gifts totaling more than \$3 million from Frances and Victor Ginsberg (M.D. 1937) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Alma and Rena Ruppenthal of Grosse Pointe.

The Frances and Victor Ginsberg Professorship in Hematology/Oncology was inaugurated May 21, 1999, with the installation of Robert F. Todd III, Ph.D., M.D.

The Henry Ruppenthal Family Professorship in Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering was inaugurated June 14, 1999, with the installation of Steven A. Goldstein, Ph.D.



(Above) Dean Allen Lichter presents Steven Goldstein with an inscribed medal upon his installation as a named professor.

(Right) Steven Goldstein and his wife, Nancy, with their sons Aaron, left, and Jonathan, right.



### The Henry Ruppenthal Family Professorship

The Henry Ruppenthal Family Professorship was made possible by a gift from sisters Alma and Rena Ruppenthal to honor the family name and their late brother Norman's delight in all things

having to do with engineering, including the many technological advances he observed while a hospital patient in his last illness.

Their father, Henry Ruppenthal, was a builder in the Detroit area. Alma Ruppenthal's fondness for the

University of Michigan was developed during the many years she attended evening classes at the Rackham Building near the Detroit Institute of Arts. The first holder of the chair, Steven A. Goldstein, is widely recognized for his work in the area of musculoskeletal and orthopaedic science. He has joint appointments in the Medical School and the College of Engineering. He founded the Orthopaedic Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan, and his research has influenced the understanding of bone disorders and their treatment and has led to the development of innovative implants and therapies.

### The Victor and Frances Ginsberg Professorship

The Victor and Frances Ginsberg Professorship was made possible by a gift from Victor and Frances Ginsberg.

After graduating from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1937, Victor Ginsberg interned at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, where he returned after serving in World War II in Africa and Italy, having received a Bronze Star for his work in blood transfusions. Director of the blood bank at Kings County Hospital, he worked to advance his understandings of blood banking and eventually helped establish a company that made typing serums instrumental in manufacturing albumin and gamma globulin and developed a test for hemoglobin abnormalities. The company was sold to the Schering Corporation (now Schering-Plough) in 1968. The Ginsbergs made their gift to the Medical School in gratitude for the education Victor Ginsberg received in the Medical School and its contribution to their full and rewarding lives. The first holder of the Ginsberg chair, Robert F. Todd III, a member of the Medical School faculty since 1984 and division chief of hematology/oncology since 1993, is a noted investigator in the area of leukocyte cell biology, and a skilled teacher and clinician. [m](#)



Dean Allen Lichter congratulates Robert F. Todd III, division chief of hematology/oncology since 1993, and first holder of the Victor and Frances Ginsberg Professorship.