Gregory Wolf to Receive the Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Award in Biomedical Research – August 8, 2011

The Biomedical Research Council (BMRC) has the honor of selecting a faculty member for the Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Award in Biomedical Research each year. This award, which was initiated in 1979, continues to be the highest research honor bestowed by the Medical School upon a faculty member in the biomedical sciences. Each recipient has made outstanding contributions in the areas of research, teaching, and institutional service.

Dr. Gregory Wolf, a pioneer in head and neck cancer treatment, has been chosen to receive the Dean’s 2011 Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Award. Dr. Wolf is Professor and Chair Emeritus of the Department of Otolaryngology. In addition to being one of the top surgical oncologists in the world, Dr. Wolf is a leading scientific investigator who has played a pivotal role in advancing the field of biomedical research, cancer immunology, and laryngeal preservation cancer. Dr. Wolf’s novel discoveries in cancer biology challenged the status quo, such as the widespread practice of routine larynx removal in patients with advanced cancer. His tested treatment paradigms – now adopted around the world – allow patients with advanced cancer to retain affected organs, maintain crucial functional capacities, avoid disfiguring surgical defects, and enjoy a higher quality of life than previously possible. Currently he is the PI of the U-M Head and Neck NIH SPORE (Specialized Program of Research Excellence) grant, which continues to advance treatments for head and neck cancer patients. During the 16 years when Dr. Wolf was Chair of the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the UMMS, the Department was consistently among the highest ranked units in the School. In addition to his groundbreaking work in organ sparing therapy and his administrative contributions, Dr. Wolf has been a prolific writer (over 200 articles) and mentor to many.

Please join us for Dr. Wolf’s award presentation, lecture and reception on August 8, 2011 at 4:00 PM in the Taubman BSRB Auditorium. Dr. Wolf’s lecture will be on “Changing Treatment Paradigms in Head and Neck Oncology.”