

HONORING A LEADER, MENTOR, COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND

Establishing the George E. Laramore, M.D., Ph.D., Endowed Fund in Radiation Oncology



THE DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION ONCOLOGY AT UW MEDICINE has been at the forefront of research, patient care and education for more than four decades. Few people have had as central a role in the department's development and achievements as George E. Laramore, M.D., Res. '80, Ph.D.

We invite you to join us in honoring Dr. Laramore by making a contribution to the endowed fund that will bear his name — a fund that will provide a vital source of support for future leaders in radiation oncology.

The Department of Radiation Oncology: A History of Excellence

The Department of Radiation Oncology is an integral part of the cancer program at the University of Washington; in turn, *U.S. News & World Report* consistently ranks UW Medical Center as one of the top cancer hospitals in the United States. Our radiation oncology residency training program is also considered one of the best in the nation.

The department was formed in 1979 as an amalgam of three divisions: radiation oncology, radiation biology and medical physics. Its research excellence, however, had been established years before. In the early 1970s, for instance, researchers received National Institutes of Health funding to study cyclotron-generated fast neutron beams.

In order to continue the department's distinguished track record — a record made possible by the work of George Laramore and other superb faculty — we intend to establish an endowed fund: the George E. Laramore, M.D., Ph.D., Endowed Fund in Radiation Oncology.

Creating the Laramore Fund

Endowed funds are valuable resources. First, they provide revenue for research and other priorities — especially valuable now, as major funders such as the National Institutes of Health are unable to support all promising research programs. (In fact, the NIH funded less than 17 percent of the projects it received in 2013, a historic low.)

Your Partnership

We ask for your partnership in securing \$250,000 to create the fund and provide an invaluable source of support to the department, fostering leadership and research. This fund also will pay tribute to a giant in the field of radiation oncology: George Laramore.

If you would like to support the Laramore Fund, or if you have any questions about the Department of Radiation Oncology, please contact Christine Chan Anderson, assistant director for philanthropy, at 206.221.3286 or ccanders@uw.edu. Thank you for your interest in our work.

About George Laramore, M.D., Ph.D.

Physician, researcher and mentor George Laramore, M.D., Ph.D., was a founding member of the Department of Radiation Oncology in the 1970s and served as the chair of the department from 1999 to 2013. He also served as the founding medical director of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance Proton Therapy Center, *A ProCure Center*.

Dr. Laramore's tireless work in the area of cyclotron-generated fast neutron beams has made UW Medicine a leader in the field, and, with his leadership, our radiation oncology program became the only one on the continent to offer both fast neutron beam therapy and proton radiation therapy.

In addition to his commitment to patient care and research, Dr. Laramore is a dedicated teacher and mentor.

"George is among the most effective, creative, supportive and devoted teachers I have known," says Nina Mayr, M.D., chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology. "His passion for medicine has inspired many generations of residents, faculty and countless others, and he has left an indelible legacy for the field of radiation oncology."