January 2018

Re: Scott N. Swisher, Jr., MD, FACP Endowment Fund

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Dr. Scott N. Swisher was an internationally recognized researcher, teacher, administrator and beloved mentor. As the founding Chair of the Department of Medicine, Dr. Swisher was among the innovative pioneers who shaped the culture and foundation of medical education at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

In keeping with his commitment to inform and educate in an inclusive and caring manner, we are honored to celebrate his life and legacy through the presentation of the Scott N. Swisher, Jr., MD, FACP Memorial Grand Round.

Dr. Michele Heisler, MD, MPA, is this year’s guest speaker and will present “State-of-the Art Approaches to Provide Sustained Support to Improve Patients’ Chronic Disease Self-Management: Lessons from the United States and Globally”.

Our ability to bring speakers of Dr. Heisler’s prominence to our college is due to the support provided by the Scott N. Swisher, Jr., MD, FACP Endowment Memorial Fund. This endowment is made possible through the generosity of students, faculty, alumni and friends who share Dr. Swisher’s belief in research excellence and continuing education.

I invite you to join me expanding the impact of the Department of Medicine through the support of the Scott N. Swisher, Jr., MD, FACP Endowment Memorial Fund.

Please make checks payable to Michigan State University with Swisher Fund – AR822 on the memo line. Or give online: https://givingto.msu.edu/gift/?sid=1771.

Thank you for partnership.

Sincerely,

Francesca Dwamena, MD, MS, FACP, FAACH
Professor and Chair
In Memory of
Scott N. Swisher, Jr., MD, FACP

Dr. Scott N. Swisher, Jr. was the Founding Chairman of the Department of Medicine, College of Human Medicine, at Michigan State University. Dr. Swisher received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota in 1945 and then served in the Army. He completed his internship and residency at the University of Rochester and began his career as Assistant Professor of Medicine and head of the Hematology Unit there. In 1967, Dr. Swisher became Founding Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Michigan State University, College of Human Medicine. He remained Chairman of the Department until 1978, when he was appointed Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Education while still maintaining his responsibilities as Professor of Medicine. Dr. Swisher co-authored the text "Clinical Practice of Transfusion Medicine" which is still widely used; and the text "Interviewing and Patient Care" now in its third edition. He published over 150 articles on topics such as space biomedicine, transfusion and medical education and was also presented with an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Edinburgh. In 1994, Dr. Swisher received the prestigious Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians. He served on many national boards, including NASA, The American Red Cross and the New York Blood Center, as chairperson of its Scientific Committee. He twice led medical groups to China under the aegis of the Nixon Administration. After moving from the working world to his retirement, Dr. Swisher traveled extensively and, in his later years, shared time between East Lansing, MI, and Wickenburg, AZ, with many good friends in both areas. He also continued his lifelong interest in science and aviation, having been a private pilot for many years. He passed away in September of 2003. This annual Memorial Grand Rounds is established in his honor. We thank his wife, Mrs. Doris Swisher, for helping to establish this living memorial to this great man.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 12:00 Noon
Sparrow Hospital Auditorium

Department of Medicine
Thirteenth Annual
Scott N. Swisher, Jr., MD, FACP Memorial Grand Rounds Presents

Michele Heisler, MD, MPA
Co-Director, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars®;
Associate Director, Global REACH
University of Michigan
Research Scientist,
Center for Clinical Management Research
Ann Arbor VA HSR&D

See attached flyer for further details

Michele Heisler, MD, MPA is Professor of Medicine and Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Michigan and a Research Scientist, VA Center for Clinical Management Research, Ann Arbor VA. She has led multiple federally funded pragmatic clinical trials of innovative health system-based programs to extend support for patients’ healthy behaviors and chronic disease self-management beyond face-to-face clinic visits. She has done pioneering research showing the effectiveness of different peer support and e-Health programs to improve clinical and patient-centered outcomes. Several of these programs are now being implemented nationwide. She has written over 200 peer-reviewed articles and is an elected member of the Association of American Physicians (AAP).