



2019 Lifetime Achievement Recipient Joseph Flood, MD, MACR, FACP



Joseph Flood, MD, MACR, FACP, is a clinical rheumatologist and educator with nearly thirty-five years of experience in musculoskeletal medicine. He is a rheumatologist with Columbus Arthritis Center in Columbus, Ohio, and he is Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine in the division of Rheumatology and Immunology at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

He is proud to have been designated a Master of the American College of Rheumatology and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

He has been repeatedly chosen by his peers as a “Best Doctor in America” and as one of “America’s Top Doctors” in these national surveys.

Joseph graduated from St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio and received his B.S. *summa cum laude* from Baldwin-Wallace University. He earned his M.D. at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC and he remained at Georgetown University Hospital for his internship and residency in Internal Medicine and completed a fellowship in rheumatic diseases in a combined program at Georgetown University School of Medicine and the Washington Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Joseph has taught medical students in all four years of the medical school curriculum. Most of his current students are in the fourth year. He has served on the OSU College of Medicine Committee on Admissions for over 30 years. He received the Distinguished Educator award from OSU and is a member of the “Courage to Teach” Society.

He has been an avid teacher of residents in a variety of specialties at most of the teaching hospitals in Columbus. He is especially proud that several of his former students and residents have chosen to become rheumatologists.

Joseph is Board-Certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He has served the ACR and its Rheumatology Research Foundation in a variety of roles. He is Past President of the ACR. He has served in a variety of other roles in ACR leadership and also served on the board of the Internal Leagues of Associations in Rheumatology (ILAR).

He is most proud of his 46 year relationship with Jeanne M. Likins, PhD, his wife and soul mate. They enjoy living in the historic community of German Village.