The Veterans Health Administration Medical Center in Miami has a long history of advancing biomedical research in the service of veterans’ health. In consequence, the Miami VAMC has made important contributions to the medical literature and the clinical care of U.S. veterans. Much of that initiative is owed to Dr. Lawrence M. Fishman, who has died at the age of 87. Dr. Fishman, a Professor of Medicine at the Miller School of Medicine and former Associate Chief of Staff for Research at the VA, was committed to the VA’s research mission and established the South Florida Veterans Affairs Foundation for Research and Education. Dr. Fishman was also an early supporter of UM’s Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy. He led the first Dialogue in Research Ethics on Sept. 18, 1992.