THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents
February 15, 2007

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

M. Haskell Newman, M.D., clinical professor of surgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.

Dr. Newman received his B.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1959 and his M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1962. He then came to the University of Michigan, where he trained in general surgery (1963-64), and completed a residency in otorhinolaryngology and an M.S. degree in 1968. After serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corps (1968-71), he returned to the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in otorhinolaryngology until 1975. He then elected to train in plastic surgery, completing a residency at the University of Michigan and a fellowship in craniofacial surgery at the University of Toronto in 1977. He rejoined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor in the Section of Plastic Surgery in 1977. He became a clinical assistant professor in 1981 and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 1991 and clinical professor in 1998.

During the course of his outstanding and distinguished career, Dr. Newman gained a national reputation for his expertise in the areas of pediatric plastic surgery, cleft lip and palate surgery, adult maxillofacial surgery, and aesthetic surgery. He has been the associate editor of the Cleft Palate Journal, and has served as president of the Michigan Academy of Plastic Surgeons, the Plastic Surgery Otorhinolaryngology Society, the Michigan Cleft Palate Association, and most recently, the Rhinoplasty Society. He has given numerous presentations nationally and internationally and has published on a wide variety of clinical topics.

A revered member of the teaching faculty in the section of plastic surgery, Dr. Newman has been recognized, without exception, by every graduating resident as a major influence on their clinical training. His patient, thorough approach in the operating room has contributed to the large number of highly skilled, conscientious, and thoughtful plastic surgeons throughout the country that cite Dr. Newman as their biggest influence. In honor of this lasting legacy, the department plans to establish an endowment for resident education in Dr. Newman’s name.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and clinician for his dedicated service by naming M. Haskell Newman clinical professor emeritus of surgery.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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