

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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Regents
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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Theodore J. Sanford Jr., M.D., clinical professor of anesthesiology in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on March 31, 2015.

Professor Sanford received his B.A. degree from Rockford College in 1968 and his M.D. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1972. He completed his internship (1972-73) and his anesthesiology residency (1973-75) at the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego, California. Professor Sanford completed a fellowship (1975-76) at the Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, England. He served on the faculty of the University of California, San Diego from 1980-91 and was chief of anesthesia services at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Diego from 1981-91. Professor Sanford joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical professor of anesthesiology in 1991.

Dr. Sanford's early research focused on opioid-based cardiac anesthesia, with special expertise in the phenomenon of opioid-induced chest wall rigidity. Dr. Sanford held several key leadership roles in the Department of Anesthesiology including associate program director (1991-2003), associate chair for education (1991-2013), and program director (2003-13). He implemented programmatic changes, developed the core curriculum, significantly increased the number of residents and fellows, and established the program as one of the best in the nation with a 98% board certification rate. Dr. Sanford oversaw the notable transition to Apple Inc.'s iPad technology that has enabled anesthesiology residents to have mobile access to reference materials, patient information, and administrative tasks. He was actively involved in numerous professional associations including the Association of University Anesthesiologists, the Association of Anesthesia Core Program Directors, and the American Board of Anesthesiology. Dr. Sanford was appointed the Georgine M. Steude Professor of Anesthesiology Education in 2007 and inducted into the Medical School's League of Educational Excellence in 2013.

The Regents now salute this distinguished medical educator for his dedicated service by naming **Theodore J. Sanford Jr. clinical professor emeritus of anesthesiology**.

Requested by:



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