Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David E. Learned, M.D., clinical assistant professor of anesthesiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 6, 2013.

Dr. Learned received his A.B. and M.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1958 and 1959, respectively. He completed his internship at Midland Hospital in Midland, Michigan (1959-60) and his anesthesiology residency at the University of Michigan (1960-62). Dr. Learned served as chief of the anesthesia department at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital from 1962-63 and worked in a private anesthesiology practice in Benton Harbor, Michigan from 1963-86. He returned to the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in 1986 and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1990.

An accomplished, caring, and dedicated anesthesiologist, Dr. Learned devoted his career to developing and teaching the highest quality clinical procedures and policies within the operating room. He taught resident lecture series and resident tutorial series on a wide variety of topics including non-ventilatory functions of the lung, blood conservation and utilization in the operating room, anesthesia delivery systems, neuromuscular blocking agents and reversal agents, and electrical and environmental safety. He was a highly regarded teacher and mentor to his countless residents, many of whom have gone on to distinguished careers in medicine. He served as the medical director of the operating rooms (1987-91) and director of anesthesia at the Kellogg Eye Center (1991-2013). In addition to his teaching and clinical responsibilities, he was actively involved in the Berrien County Medical Society, the Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists, and the Washtenaw County Medical Society.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming David E. Learned clinical assistant professor emeritus of anesthesiology.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
Vice President and Secretary of the University

April 2014