

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

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Regents  
May 21, 2015**

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Michael M.E. Johns, M.D.**, interim executive vice president for medical affairs, Office of the President, and professor of otolaryngology—head and neck surgery, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on February 28, 2015.

Dr. Johns received his B.S. degree from Wayne State University in 1964 and his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1969. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as the interim executive vice president for medical affairs and professor of otolaryngology—head and neck surgery on June 2, 2014.

An internationally recognized head and neck cancer surgeon and leader in academic medicine, Dr. Johns began his career as an assistant chief of the Department of Otolaryngology at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1975. He joined the University of Virginia Medical Center faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1979, and professor in 1982. In 1984, Dr. Johns was recruited to The Johns Hopkins University where he held three key administrative positions including chair of the Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery, associate dean for clinical practice, and dean of the medical faculty and vice president for medicine. He played an instrumental leadership role in revamping the curriculum, developing a technology transfer program, and expanding sponsored research activity. In 1996, Dr. Johns was appointed executive vice president for health affairs and chief executive officer of the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center at Emory University. He spearheaded the implementation of a comprehensive strategy that consolidated the clinical operations, reshaped and expanded the research activities, and positioned the Center as a leader in the field. He served as Emory University's fifth chancellor from 2007-12. In addition to successfully leading complex administrative and academic organizations, Dr. Johns is widely renowned as a catalyst of new thinking in many areas of health policy and health professions education.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Michael M.E. Johns, professor emeritus of otolaryngology—head and neck surgery.**

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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