THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David E. Kuhl, M.D., professor of radiology, Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2011.

Dr. Kuhl received his A.B. degree from Temple University in 1951, and his M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1955. He completed an internship (1955-56), and residency and fellowship (1958-62) at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He served on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania from 1958-76 and the University of California-Los Angeles from 1976-86. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1986 as professor of internal medicine, professor of radiology, chief of the Division of Nuclear Medicine, and director of the Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Center.

Dr. Kuhl’s research focused on the development of new measures of neurochemical and metabolic processes within the living brain using radioactive molecular tracer and emission reconstruction tomography (PET and SPECT). These techniques enabled drug development targeted to the earliest stages of degenerative brain disease. Dr. Kuhl has authored 235 peer reviewed publications, 374 published abstracts, and has an outstanding record of external funding, primarily from the National Institutes of Health. The numerous awards Dr. Kuhl has received are a testament to how highly Dr. Kuhl is regarded by the entire medical community. Among these are the Japan Prize from the Science and Technology Foundation of Japan (2009), the Charles F. Kettering Prize from the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation (2001), the Outstanding Researcher Award from the Radiological Society of North America (1996), the Benedict Cassen Prize for research leading to a major advance in nuclear medicine science from the National Institutes of Health (1996), the Steven C. Beering Award for Advancement of Biomedical Science from the Indiana University School of Medicine (1987), the Emil H. Grubbe Gold Medal Award from the Chicago Medical Society and Chicago Radiological Society (1983), and the Louise and Lionel Berman Foundation Award for peaceful uses of atomic energy (1985).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming David E. Kuhl professor emeritus of radiology.

Requested by:

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