THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Thomas F. Anderson, M.D., associate professor of dermatology in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2017.

Dr. Anderson received his B.S. (1970) and M.D. (1974) degrees from the University of Michigan. He completed a pediatrics internship (1974-75) at Northwestern University and a dermatology residency (1975-78) at the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1978, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1979, and associate professor in 1983.

Dr. Anderson served as director of photomedicine for the Department of Dermatology from 1978-2017. He directed the Dermatology Treatment Center and Phototherapy Unit from 1987-2017 and was co-director of the UM Cancer Center’s Multidisciplinary Cutaneous Lymphoma Program from 1999-2017. Dr. Anderson was a dedicated physician, whose clinical and scholarly focus was photomedicine in the advanced treatment of psoriasis, cutaneous lymphoma and other severe cutaneous disorders. He oversaw pioneering clinical research, which studied the effects of psoralen photochemotherapy treatment in severe psoriasis and in cutaneous lymphoma. Dr. Anderson authored 25 book chapters and 65 peer-reviewed publications. He served as president of the Michigan Dermatological Society from 1999-2000.

Dr. Anderson was an enthusiastic medical educator, who taught third-year and fourth-year medical students, dermatology residents and fellows. His extensive record includes directing both the dermatology clerkship for fourth-year medical students and medical student education programs for the Department of Dermatology. During the course of Dr. Anderson’s 39-year career as an attending faculty physician, he provided dermatology specialty training for more than 250 dermatologists, including instruction in the use of photomedicine for the advanced treatment of cutaneous disease.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Thomas F. Anderson, associate professor emeritus of dermatology.

Requested by:

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