

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

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

**Robert W. Ike, M.D.**, associate professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2019.

Dr. Ike received his B.S. (1974) and M.S. (1975) degrees from the University of Michigan and his M.D. (1979) degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Upon graduation from medical school, he entered into an internal medicine residency training program at the Barnes Hospital Group and upon completion in 1982, Dr. Ike returned to the University of Michigan to complete a fellowship in rheumatology in 1985. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1985, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1991, and associate professor in 1994.

Dr. Ike's clinical and research interests were in the areas of psoriatic arthritis and musculoskeletal ultrasound. During his tenure at the University of Michigan, Dr. Ike became a pioneer in a number of rheumatological procedures, including joint injections, arthroscopies, lip and muscle biopsies, and ultrasounds. He authored over 40 peer-reviewed publications, 13 book chapters, and 50 scientific abstracts and was a frequent presenter at national meetings. In addition to his scholarly achievements, Dr. Ike was a committed educator who provided outstanding training and teaching to medical students, residents, and fellows. He was responsible for training generations of Michigan rheumatology fellows in rheumatological procedures and the use of musculoskeletal ultrasound in clinical practice. Dr. Ike served as the director of the Interventional Rheumatology Programs, the Rheumatology Inpatient Services, and the Rheumatology Consultation Services. At the national level, he was actively involved with the American College of Rheumatology and served as chair of a number of committees, including the ACR Task Force on Musculoskeletal Ultrasound from 2007-10.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Robert W. Ike, associate professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

**Requested by:**



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

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