THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Kent J. Johnson, M.D., professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2014.

Dr. Johnson received his B.A. degree from the University of North Dakota in 1968 and his M.D. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1976. He completed residency training at the University of Connecticut Health Center (1977-79) and a fellowship at the University of Michigan (1981-83). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1980, and was promoted to associate professor in 1983, and professor in 1988.

Dr. Johnson’s research focused on the pathogenesis of inflammation, generally and specifically, as related to renal and pulmonary inflammation. He has a notable record of successfully securing research funding from the National Institutes of Health for more than 30 years. Dr. Johnson’s extensive publications include 200 peer-reviewed publications, 65 chapters in books, and 270 abstracts. He served as the senior pathologist on the renal biopsy service and worked closely with his clinical colleagues in transplant surgery and nephrology. Dr. Johnson was actively involved in the teaching and mentorship of a generation of medical students, dental students, residents, and fellows. He was a frequent invited speaker at local and national symposia and was a member of the American Association of Pathologists and the American Association of Immunologists. Dr. Johnson received numerous honors including the U.S. Military’s Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam (1969), the Galens Medical Society’s Elizabeth Crosby Award (1985), and the Kaiser Permanente Award for Excellence in Teaching (1989).

The Regents now salute this distinguished researcher and medical educator by naming Kent J. Johnson professor emeritus of pathology.

Requested by:

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