THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

William M. Wilkerson, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2016.

Dr. Wilkerson received his M.D. degree from the University of Colorado in 1976. He continued his medical training in Denver, Colorado where he completed an internship (1976-77) at the Presbyterian Medical Center and a family medicine residency (1977-79) at the St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Dr. Wilkerson served as chief resident (1978-79) at the St. Joseph Hospital and concurrently completed an individualized residency program in psychiatry (1978-79) at the Denver General Hospital. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in 1992, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1995, and clinical associate professor in 2001.

Dr. Wilkerson is an exemplary clinician and teacher in the field of emergency medicine. His work focused on a number of topics, including tactical emergency medicine with human patient simulators, violence management, domestic violence, airway management techniques, and human patient simulators and medical education. He developed an innovative elective in tactical emergency medicine for the residency program in 1996. For nearly two decades, Dr. Wilkerson represented the University of Michigan as an expert in tactical emergency medicine, provided medical support to law enforcement agencies, and supervised and trained paramedics in multiple agencies across southeast Michigan. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, he served as the director of medical student education in the Department of Emergency Medicine from 1995-2004. In recognition of his many achievements, he received the Emergency Medicine Residency Program’s Golden Apple Teaching Award in 1995.

The Regents now salute this distinguished physician and medical educator for his dedicated service by naming William M. Wilkerson, clinical associate professor emeritus of emergency medicine.

Requested by:

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