THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Richard D. Swartz, M.D., professor of internal medicine, Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2010.

Dr. Swartz received his B.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1968 and 1970, respectively. Following an internship and residency at Boston City Hospital, Harvard Medical School (1970-71 and 1973-74), he completed a residency at Boston City Hospital, Boston University Medical School (1974-75), and a nephrology fellowship at Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School (1975-77). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1982 and professor in 1987.

Dr. Swartz is widely regarded for his expertise in the area of chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease, and on end-of-life care for patients with these and other conditions. He has published more than 120 peer-reviewed articles and has presented nearly as many abstracts and courses at national meetings. His expertise has also been recognized by his appointment to the editorial board of the American Journal of Kidney Disease (2000-05) and in his role as assistant editor for Advances in Renal Replacement Therapy (1999-04). Dr. Swartz’s service within the Division of Nephrology has been invaluable. He has served as medical director of acute dialysis (1977-2007), chief of clinic (1988-91 and 2003-10), director of the inpatient service (1996-2001) and chief of staff (1999-2003). He also contributed significantly as a member of the Medical School’s Executive Committee for Clinical Affairs (1990-93) and the Institutional Review Board (2009-present). Dr. Swartz is the recipient of numerous awards, including the University of Michigan’s H. Marvin Pollard Award for outstanding resident teaching (1991) and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan’s Distinguished Service Award (1995). He has been listed as one of the “Best Doctors in America” every year since 2006.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming Richard D. Swartz professor emeritus of internal medicine.

Requested by:

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