

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Robert M. Merion, M.D., professor of surgery in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Dr. Merion received his B.A. and M.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1976 and 1979, respectively. He completed a categorical surgical internship (1979-80) and general surgery residency (1980-86) at the University of Michigan, and a transplantation fellowship (1982-84) at Cambridge University. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1986, and was promoted to associate professor in 1991, and professor in 2001.

A superb surgeon and scientist, Dr. Merion played an instrumental leadership role in the development of one of the premier transplant programs in the nation. He held numerous key positions including chief of the Division of Transplantation, Department of Surgery; director of the Organ Transplantation Information System, Transplant Center; assistant director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit; director of the Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Programs; director of the Transplant Center; and president of the Arbor Research Collaborative for Health. Dr. Merion is a leader in the fields of solid organ transplantation, the management of immunosuppressive therapy, and vascular access surgery, with special expertise in kidney and pancreas transplantation. His research focused on transplantation immunology, Kupffer cell physiology in relation to liver transplantation, and lymphocyte reactivity following treatment with polyclonal monoclonal antibodies. Dr. Merion also studied the public policy aspects of transplantation, organ allocation, and living organ donor outcomes. He has a notable history of successfully securing research funding, authored numerous publications, and was a frequent invited speaker at national symposia. Dr. Merion is a past president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and was the inaugural recipient of its Francis Moore Excellence in Mentorship Award in 2008.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar for his dedicated service by naming **Robert M. Merion professor emeritus of surgery**.

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