THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Macdonald Dick II, M.D., professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2015.

Dr. Dick received his A.B. degree from Williams College in 1963 and his M.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1967. He completed his pediatrics internship (1967-68), his pediatrics residency (1968-70), and his pediatric cardiology fellowship (1970-71) at the University of Virginia Hospital. He also completed a cardiology fellowship (1971-74) at Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts and a clinical fellowship in pediatrics at Harvard Medical School (1971-74). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1977, and was promoted to associate professor in 1981, and professor in 1987. He was appointed the Amnon Rosenthal Collegiate Professor of Pediatric Cardiology from 1994-2001.

An exceptional pediatric cardiologist, Dr. Dick studied the mechanisms of cardiac arrhythmias, the clinical course and outcome of cardiac arrhythmias in the young, cardiac arrhythmias in patients with congenital heart disease, and the management of genetic arrhythmia syndromes. His clinical work focused on pediatric electrophysiology with special expertise in the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias in infants, children, and young adults. He published 153 peer-reviewed publications, authored 38 book chapters, and served on the editorial board of the Journal of Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology and Pediatric Cardiology. Dr. Dick held several key leadership positions including director of the Pediatric Clinical Electrophysiology (1977-2002), interim director of Pediatric Cardiology (1997), director of the Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship Program (1997-2013), and associate chair for faculty affairs (2010-15). He served as president of the Pediatric Congenital and Electrophysiology Society (1991), chair of the Heart Rhythm Society Pediatric Committee (1994-96), and president of the Society of Pediatric Fellowship Directors (2005-06). He received the Pediatric and Congenital Electrocardiography Society’s Lifetime Achievement Award (2014) and the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Founder’s Award from the Section of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery (2014).

The Regents now salute this distinguished clinician, teacher, and researcher, by naming Macdonald Dick II, professor emeritus of pediatrics and communicable diseases.

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