

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Allen S. Lichter, M.D., former dean of the Medical School, Newman Family Professor of Radiation Oncology, and professor of radiation oncology, retired from active faculty status on September 25, 2006.

Dr. Lichter received his B.S. and M.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1968 and 1972, respectively. From 1973-76, he pursued postdoctoral training at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colorado, and at the University of California-San Francisco. From 1976-78 he was on the faculty of The Johns Hopkins University and from 1978-84 he served as the head of the Radiation Therapy Section of the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health. He joined the University of Michigan in 1984 as associate professor and chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology and was promoted to professor in 1987. In December 1998, he was appointed interim dean of the Medical School, and in May 1999 he was appointed dean. He served as dean of the Medical School until July 2006.

Dr. Lichter is recognized internationally as a leader in the field of radiation oncology. His early research in the area of treatment planning focused on using new diagnostic tools to better define the dose of radiation given to cancer patients while sparing normal, healthy tissue. The outcome of this research became the 3-dimensional treatment planning model that is now the standard of treatment around the world. He has published more than 140 articles, 4 books, and 36 book chapters and proceedings.

During his tenure as department chair, Dr. Lichter created one of the premier departments of radiation oncology in the world. In 1993, he was named the University's first Isadore Lampe Professor of Radiation Oncology, and in 2000, he was appointed the first Newman Family Professor of Radiation Oncology. Dr. Lichter is a member of the Institute of Medicine, and in 2005, he was awarded the Gold Medal by the Association of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, the highest honor that can be conferred on a radiation oncologist. Dr. Lichter also served numerous leadership roles in the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the ASCO Foundation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar for his dedicated service by naming **Allen S. Lichter professor emeritus of radiation oncology and dean emeritus**.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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