

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mark H. Kaplan, M.D., clinical professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on January 2, 2016.

Dr. Kaplan received his B.S. (1962) and M.D. (1966) degrees from Cornell University. He completed his internship (1966-67) and residency (1967-68) at Bellevue Hospital in New York, New York. Dr. Kaplan served as a chief resident (1970-71) and completed an infectious disease fellowship (1971-73) at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, New York. Dr. Kaplan served on the faculties of Cornell University, New York University, and the State University of New York, Stony Brook. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical lecturer in 2005, and was promoted to clinical professor in 2008.

An outstanding clinician, research scientist, and educator, Dr. Kaplan is a leader in the field of infectious diseases, with special expertise in the clinical and virologic aspects of the human immunodeficiency virus. He co-authored, with Dr. Robert Gallo, some of the earliest reports that described the virus that was found to cause AIDS in *Science* (1984 and 1986) and the *New England Journal of Medicine* (1986). These early discoveries quickly paved the way for the development of a blood test for HIV and the ability to screen blood products to prevent transfusional HIV infection. Dr. Kaplan was a co-author of the first report describing the recovery of human B-lymphotropic virus (herpesvirus-6), also with Dr. Gallo, in *Science* (1986). He has published on other viral infections including cytomegalovirus, Epstein-Barr virus, Hepatitis C, and adenovirus, as well as a number of articles on endocarditis and mycobacterial infections. Dr. Kaplan also was co-author of one of the first reports describing the recovery of *Borrelia burgdorferi* from skin biopsies of patients with Lyme disease. His most recent research endeavors have explored the implications of human endogenous retroviruses.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Mark H. Kaplan, clinical professor emeritus of internal medicine**.

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