

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Lawrence J. Marentette, M.D., professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and professor of neurosurgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on January 31, 2020.

Dr. Marentette received his B.S. (1972) and M.D. (1976) degrees from Wayne State University. He completed a fellowship (1975-76) at the Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Michigan and a rotating internship (1976-77) and an otolaryngology residency (1977-80) at Wayne State University. After four years of private practice, he completed a fellowship in maxillofacial surgery at the University of Zurich in 1985 and joined the University of Minnesota faculty as an assistant professor in otolaryngology in 1986. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1993, and was promoted to professor in 2003.

Dr. Marentette established the Cranial Base Program in collaboration with the Department of Neurosurgery, one of the first programs in the United States dealing with lesions of the anterior cranial fossa and facial bones. The program advanced the ability to resect tumors at the intersection of the brain, eyes, sinuses, and face, which were previously deemed unresectable. Outcomes research from the program has helped provide the basis for newer neoadjuvant chemotherapy trials in sinus cancer. Dr. Marentette also established an American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship to train fellows in the new field of skull base surgery. The Cranial Base Program continues to attract national and international patients with complex cranial base disorders. Dr. Marentette was named medical director of the Destination Program in 2012, which he transformed into the Clinical Design and Innovation Program. The program pairs project managers with industrial engineers and clinical staff to improve outcomes, reduce costs, and improve margins across the whole spectrum of care at Michigan Medicine. To date, 16 programs or conditions have undergone successful redesign and transformation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar by naming **Lawrence J. Marentette, professor emeritus of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.**

Requested by:



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