

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death
Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

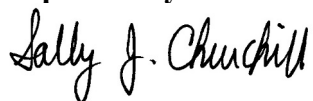
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **James Teener, M.D.**, clinical professor of neurology in the Medical School. Professor Teener died on November 28, 2022.

Professor Teener received his B.A. degree in chemistry from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1985. He went on to complete medical school at the University of Michigan in 1990 before completing his neurology residency at the University of Pennsylvania in 1994. He stayed on to complete a neuromuscular fellowship in 1995. After his fellowship, Dr. Teener was an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania until 1998. After 4 years as an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth, Dr. Teener returned to the University of Michigan as associate professor in 2002. He was promoted to professor of neurology in 2017.

Dr. Teener was an exceptional clinician and educator. He co-directed the EMG laboratory for the past 14 years and was the director of the neuromuscular program for 20 years. In these roles, he left a lasting imprint on the University of Michigan neuromuscular division including current and former faculty. In addition, he was responsible for training several neuromuscular fellows in his role as the neuromuscular fellowship program director for 14 years. His former fellows have found success at academic and private healthcare settings across the country. He won teaching awards both at the University of Michigan and nationally through the American Academy of Neurology. He authored 31 papers and was best known for some of the earliest papers on critical illness myopathy and neuropathy. Dr. Teener was also a member of the neurology resident recruitment committee and the medical school admissions executive committee. These roles allowed Dr. Teener to shape the entire medical school and neurology residency program over many years. Most importantly, Dr. Teener was known as a fierce patient advocate who was beloved by his patients for his humble brilliance, unflappable nature, and positivity.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Carol, his sons Sam, Max, and Jack, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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