

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

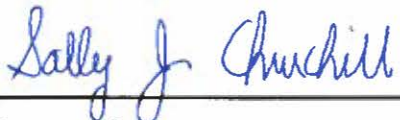
Marcian E. Van Dort, Ph.D., research associate professor of radiology, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2020.

Professor Van Dort received his B.S. (1977) degree from the University of Colombo in Colombo, Sri Lanka and his M.S. (1981) and his Ph.D. (1983) degrees from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. He completed a pharmacology and medicinal chemistry postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan in the laboratory of Professor Raymond Counsell from 1983-84. He served as a research associate I and research associate II in the U-M Department of Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry. He served as a research investigator, assistant research scientist, and senior associate research scientist in the U-M Division of Nuclear Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine. Professor Van Dort then served as a senior scientist in radiochemistry at Girindus America, Inc. in Cincinnati, OH from 2002-06. He returned to the University of Michigan Health System's Department of Radiology as a chemist staff specialist (2006-09), and was promoted to research associate professor (2009-20).

Professor Van Dort's earlier research while at Michigan focused on the discovery and investigation of radiopharmaceuticals for application as SPECT or PET probes for cardiac, CNS and tumor imaging. A significant outcome of this research was the discovery and successful clinical translation of a PET and SPECT radiopharmaceutical for cardiac and cholinergic neuronal imaging, respectively. His current research has led to the discovery of novel multifunctional kinase inhibitors, which are under preclinical investigation as cancer therapeutics. Professor Van Dort co-authored over 53 scholarly publications and 4 book chapters and was the recipient of three U.S. patents. He served as the principal or co-investigator on several NIH grants and mentored several postdoctoral fellows and undergraduate students while at the University of Michigan and also served as a consultant to industry. Professor Van Dort served on several university committees including the Medical School's Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Ford Nuclear Reactor Decommissioning Committee, and the Committee for a Multicultural University. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Marcian E. Van Dort, research associate professor emeritus of radiology**.

Requested by:



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