

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Stephen W. Chensue, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on April 3, 2021.

Dr. Chensue received his Ph.B. (1974) and Ph.D. (1979) degrees from Wayne State University and his M.D. (1983) degree from the University of Michigan. After a research fellowship and clinical residency in anatomic and clinical pathology, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1987, and was promoted to associate professor in 1994, and professor in 2005.

Dr. Chensue was a diagnostic pathologist and internationally recognized research immunologist with expertise in the cellular immunology of granulomatous diseases. He sustained an uninterrupted extramural and funded research program for over 25 years. He authored or co-authored 165 published papers and 29 books and book chapters. His work established the reclassification of granulomatous inflammation based on the nature of T lymphocyte subclass participation. His other work exploring the effect of aging on immune responses revealed the differential rate of degradation of Th1 and Th2 mediated inflammation during the aging process. He served as an editor and reviewer for multiple journals and mentored numerous residents and fellows. He performed annual course instruction of medical students in basic pathology for nearly 20 years. He was a thesis advisor and oversaw the matriculation of doctoral and master's degree students as well as mentored many undergraduate students seeking research experience in his laboratory. In 2001, he was appointed service chief and medical laboratory director of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Michigan affiliated Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Medical Center. Under his administration, diagnostic pathology services for multiple VA medical centers in Michigan were consolidated to the Ann Arbor facility and the department underwent transformative modernizations among which was the introduction of barcode specimen tracking and whole slide digital imaging telepathology consultation. His tenure included continued support for and participation in a number of clinical research projects, including a recently published study of SARS-COV-2 infection among VA medical center employees.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Stephen W. Chensue, professor emeritus of pathology**.

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