

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**William B. Pratt, M.D.**, professor of pharmacology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2005, after a distinguished career as a scientist and educator.

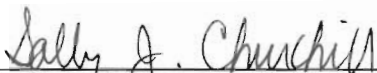
Dr. Pratt received his A.B. degree from Dartmouth College in 1960 and his M.D. degree from Yale Medical School in 1964. He undertook postdoctoral studies at the Institut für Therapeutische Biochemie, Goethe Universität, Germany, and at Stanford University, and completed an internship in pediatrics at Yale Medical School in 1973. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1973 and was promoted to professor in 1979.

Dr. Pratt's research focuses on the mechanism of steroid receptor transformation and trafficking, heat shock proteins and intracellular transport, and control of steroid hormone receptor function, and he has made outstanding and seminal contributions to all these fields. His laboratory was the first to document definitively the role of heat shock proteins in steroid receptor binding, transformation, and nuclear translocation. These studies were benchmarks in the field of steroid hormone research and have since been shown to be the mechanism for intracellular transport of other hormones, growth factors, and other important cellular proteins. Dr. Pratt has published more than 140 original manuscripts, 7 books, and 49 invited review articles. He has received numerous awards, including a merit award from NIDDK (1993), the Distinguished Faculty Lectureship in Biomedical Research from the University of Michigan (1996), the Goodman and Gilman Award in Drug Receptor Pharmacology from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (2002), and the Allan Munck Prize and Distinguished Lectureship from Dartmouth Medical School (2002).

Dr. Pratt is not only an outstanding scholar, but a dedicated teacher and superb mentor, as demonstrated by his having received the Henry J. Kaiser Award for Excellence in Teaching. A dedicated University citizen, Dr. Pratt has also served on numerous committees at both the University and Medical School levels.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scientist and educator by naming **William B. Pratt professor emeritus of pharmacology**.

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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