

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

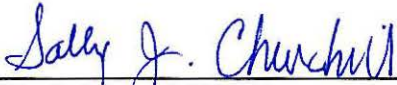
**Benedick A. Fraass, Ph.D.,** Allen S. Lichter M.D. Professor of Radiation Oncology and professor of radiation oncology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on April 27, 2011.

Professor Fraass received his B.S. degree from Stanford University in 1974, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1975 and 1980, respectively. From 1980-84, he was a senior staff fellow and radiation physicist at the National Cancer Institute. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as assistant professor and director of radiation physics in the Department of Radiation Oncology in 1984, and was promoted to associate professor in 1988, and professor in 1995. He was appointed the Allen S. Lichter M.D. Professor of Radiation Oncology in 2009.

Professor Fraass was a founding member and director of the Division of Radiation Physics in the Department of Radiation Oncology, and is recognized as one of the leading radiation oncology physicists in the world. He directed the creation of the 3-D treatment system, which was the first to be used for routine clinical treatment planning. His contributions to the field of radiation oncology, highlighted in more than 120 peer-reviewed publications and over 150 invited presentations, have propelled the University's reputation as a leader in radiation oncology research and patient care. Professor Fraass has been involved in national and international review committees, and study sections and panels for the National Cancer Institute. He has held leadership positions with the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, including the AAPM board of directors, membership on the scientific council, and chair of the research committee. The advancements led by Professor Fraass have enhanced the quality and length of life for countless cancer patients and have placed the University of Michigan at the forefront in the development of new radiation treatment options.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Benedick A. Fraass professor emeritus of radiation oncology.**

**Requested by:**

  
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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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