

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., George A. Dean, M.D. Chair of Family Medicine, professor of family medicine, chair, Department of Family Medicine, and professor of medical education, in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on June 30, 2011.

Dr. Schwenk received his B.S.E. and M.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1971 and 1975, respectively. From 1976-82, he completed a family practice residency and fellowship at the University of Utah, while simultaneously practicing rural family medicine in Park City, Utah. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1984, was promoted to associate professor in 1987 and professor in 1993, and has held concurrent appointments in the Department of Medical Education since 1985. He has served as chair of the Department of Family Medicine since 1988, and was named George A. Dean, M.D. Chair of Family Medicine in 2007.

Dr. Schwenk's teaching and research address psychiatric and psychosocial issues in primary care practice, with an emphasis on depression. He has co-authored over 130 articles, and has served as a section editor of the on-line clinical information resource *UpToDate* since 2004, and associate editor of *Journal Watch* since 1994. He is co-editor of the textbook *Primary Care Psychiatry*, and co-author of a set of monographs on teaching skills for physicians. His clinical interests include depression and mental health care, musculoskeletal medicine, ergogenic and nutritional supplement use in sports, and mental illness and burnout in athletes. Dr. Schwenk was a founding member of the National Advisory Committee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Generalist Faculty Scholar Program from 1992-2008. He served on the board of directors of the American Board of Family Medicine and as its vice president from 2004-05. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies in 2002. The extraordinary success of the Department of Family Medicine, recognized locally and nationally as an academic and clinical leader, can be attributed to a considerable degree to Dr. Schwenk's wisdom, vision, and leadership.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member, academic leader, and scholar for his dedicated service by naming **Thomas L. Schwenk professor emeritus of family medicine and professor emeritus of medical education.**

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