

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Robert A. Werner, M.D.**, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the Medical School and associate research scientist in the Center for Ergonomics, College of Engineering, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2017.

Dr. Werner received his B.A. (1976) degree from Rutgers University, his M.S. (1978) degree from North Carolina State University, his M.D. (1983) degree from the University of Connecticut, and his second M.S. (1991) degree from the University of Michigan. He completed a physical medicine and rehabilitation residency (1983-86) and a National Institute of Disability Research and Rehabilitation Research fellowship (1989-91) at the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1986, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1989, associate professor in 1996, and professor in 2002. He also held an additional appointment in the College of Engineering.

Dr. Werner is a leader in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation with special expertise in the epidemiology of cumulative trauma disorder, the natural history of overuse syndromes, and outcome studies in industrial rehabilitation. He has over 30 years of experience providing exceptional care and treatment to patients at the University of Michigan and the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center, where he became service chief for the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service in 1993. Dr. Werner authored over 90 publications in the leading peer-reviewed journals and has been successful in receiving grant funding from several sources, including the Centers for Disease Control, The Johns Hopkins University Center for VDT and Health Research, the National Institutes of Health, the UAW-GM Health and Safety Department, and the U.S. Postal Service. Dr. Werner has received awards for his research writing from the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, the Association of Academic Physiatrists, and the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Research Education Foundation. Dr. Werner served on the editorial boards for the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, the *Journal of Occupational Rehabilitation*, *Muscle and Nerve*, and *Topics in Stroke Rehabilitation*.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Robert A. Werner, professor emeritus of physical medicine and rehabilitation and associate research scientist emeritus**.

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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