

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Ronald J. Koenig, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of internal medicine and director of the Medical Scientist Training Program in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2020.

Dr. Koenig received his B.S. (1972) degree from Yale University, his Ph.D. (1977) degree from Rockefeller University, and his M.D. (1978) degree from the Cornell Medical College. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine and fellowship training in endocrinology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He served as an instructor in internal medicine (1983-84) and assistant professor in internal medicine (1984-88) at Harvard Medical School. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 1988 and was promoted to professor in 1995. He served as the director of the Medical Scientist Training Program from 1995-2020.

Dr. Koenig's research has spanned diabetes and thyroid disease. He co-discovered that hemoglobin A1c measures long term glucose control in diabetes. He uncovered fundamental mechanisms by which thyroid hormone regulates metabolism, and discovered a novel treatment for a subtype of thyroid cancer. He was recognized internationally as a leader in the field. He has nearly 100 peer-reviewed publications, was an editor of the current (14<sup>th</sup>) edition of *Williams Textbook of Endocrinology* (2020), and had an outstanding record of extramural funding. He was the recipient of numerous awards and served as chair of the NIH Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology Study Section. He was an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians. In addition to his scholarly achievements, Dr. Koenig was a committed educator who has provided extensive mentoring for over 200 M.D./Ph.D. students in his role as MSTP director, as well as numerous Ph.D. students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Ronald J. Koenig, professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

**Requested by:**



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

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