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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

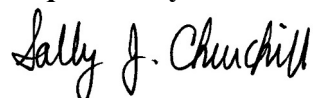
Ariel Barkan, M.D., professor of internal medicine and professor of neurosurgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2021.

Dr. Barkan received his M.D. (1972) degree from Minsk State School of Medicine (Belarus). He completed his residency in internal medicine at the Beilinson Medical Center (Israel) and came to the University of Michigan in 1980 as a fellow in the Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology, and Diabetes. Upon completion of a 3-year-long fellowship program, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1988, and professor in 1994. He received an additional appointment as professor of neurosurgery in 1997.

Dr. Barkan's clinical and research efforts centered around physiology and pathophysiology of the hypothalamic-pituitary system. He established, with Dr. William Chandler from the Department of Neurosurgery, the Pituitary Neuroendocrine Center dedicated to the treatment of patients with pituitary diseases in 1994. He served as a co-director of the center from 1994-2020. During that time, the patient load increased several folds with multiple patients coming from all over Michigan, as well as from other states. Suffice it to say that the number of pituitary surgeries increased from ~50 to 120-150 per year. From 2000-13, Dr. Barkan served as director of Fellowship Program in the Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology, and Diabetes and renewed the NIH Training Grant twice. He also served as a mentor to more than 15 endocrine trainees, most of whom are currently full-time academic endocrinologists at various institutions in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Barkan received several federal grants from the NIH, the Merit Review VA program, and industry. Scientifically, Dr. Barkan's efforts were centered around the physiology and pathophysiology of growth hormone secretion. Overall, he published more than 200 peer-reviewed papers in high-quality journals, 20 book chapters, several chapters in monographs, and served as a guest editor the two volumes of *Endocrinology and Metabolism Clinics of North America*, titled *Medical Therapy of Endocrine Tumors* (1989) and *Pituitary Disorders* (2008). He chaired many sessions at the Annual Meetings of the Endocrine Society and the Pituitary Society, served as president of the Pituitary Society, and gave more than 150 invited lectures all over the world. He is currently a member of the Endocrine Society, the Pituitary Society, and the American Society of Clinical Investigation. Over the years, he served as an associate editor and member of the editorial boards of many endocrine journals and currently serves as an associate editor of the *Pituitary* and a co-chief editor of the U-M journal *Clinical Diabetes and Endocrinology*.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Ariel Barkan, professor emeritus of internal medicine**.

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