

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Richard H. Simon, M.D.**, professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2021.

Dr. Simon received his B.S. (1969) degree from the University of Michigan and his M.D. (1972) degree from Duke University. Following a 6-month research fellowship in cardiology at Duke University, he served two years as a resident in internal medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. This was followed by two years in the U.S. Public Health Service as a research associate (1975-77) in the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolic, and Digestive Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. He served as chief resident (1977-78) and completed a pulmonary/critical care medicine fellowship (1978-81) at the University of Colorado. Dr. Simon joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1981, and was promoted to associate professor in 1989, and professor in 1996.

Dr. Simon's laboratory research studied the role of oxidants/antioxidants and the plasminogen activation system in processes leading to pulmonary alveolar injury and repair with support from the U.S. National Institutes of Health. Throughout his career, he was active in the cystic fibrosis field contributing to studies on gene therapy and the microbiota of the cystic fibrosis airway. In addition to providing clinical care to patients with cystic fibrosis, he was the medical director of the adult program of the University of Michigan Cystic Fibrosis Center (1994-2021). Dr. Simon was active in the national cystic fibrosis community serving on the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF) Clinical Research Executive Committee, the CFF Clinical Research Advisory Board, and the CFF Medical Advisory Council. Since 2001, he has been in the leadership of the CFF Data Safety Monitoring Board and chaired the data monitoring committees overseeing many clinical trials of highly effective modulatory therapy. Within his department, Dr. Simon was the associate chair for clinical programs (1995-98) and the vice chair for faculty affairs (2007-21). He served on multiple medical school and university-wide committees. He received the American Thoracic Society's Outstanding Clinician Award (2020) and the Medical School's Lifetime Achievement Award in Clinical Care (2017).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Richard H. Simon, professor emeritus of internal medicine**.

**Requested by:**



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