

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Kenneth Pituch, M.D.**, clinical professor of pediatrics in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2022, concluding a successful career of service at the University of Michigan.

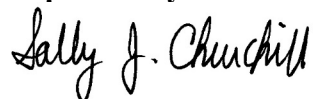
Dr. Pituch received his undergraduate degree in English with Highest Honors from Michigan State University in 1972 where he also completed his pre-medical curriculum in 1977. Dr. Pituch then came to the University of Michigan to receive his M.D. degree in 1981. He remained in Ann Arbor to complete his pediatric residency and served as chief resident from 1984-85. Dr. Pituch held faculty appointments at both the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Indiana University School of Medicine before returning to the University of Michigan as a clinical assistant professor in 1995. He was promoted to the rank of clinical associate professor in 1999 and clinical professor in 2006; the position from which he now retires.

Dr. Pituch is a distinguished clinician and educator. He is internationally known for his expertise in medical education. He has held several important administrative roles including as the director of Hospital Medicine (2003-15), as medical director of the Pediatric Palliative Care Program (2005-18) and as medical director of the Partners for Children (Complex Care) Program (2018-present). Under his leadership, the Hospital Medicine Program flourished. Dr. Pituch established a reputation as a highly regarded clinician-educator participating in hospital, department, and medical school committees. Dr. Pituch has long been recognized as an outstanding educator and has received numerous teaching awards during his time at Michigan including the prestigious Silver Shovel Award by the Galens Medical Society; an honor awarded yearly to the medical school's best teacher, the Kaiser Permanente Award for Outstanding Teacher, the League of Clinical Excellence Award, and the League of Educational Excellence Award, Medical School.

Dr. Pituch's scholarly contributions have been in collaborative research, including work on abdominal pain in children and in sleep disordered breathing. He has over 30 peer-reviewed publications and over 20 abstracts. He has become skilled at the care of chronically ill children with severe life-shortening illness. He helped to develop and lead the Pediatric Palliative Care Program at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital to help these children and their families. Throughout his career, Dr. Pituch has distinguished himself as an outstanding clinician, research scholar, and educator who has demonstrated a strong commitment to patient care, education, and service.

The Regents now salute this distinguished clinician, leader, and teacher by naming **Kenneth Pituch, clinical professor emeritus of pediatrics**.

**Requested by:**



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

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