THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Gerald A. Serwer, M.D., professor of pediatrics in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2022.

Dr. Serwer received his undergraduate degree from Rice University in 1968 and his M.D. degree from Duke University Medical School in 1972. He completed both his pediatric residency (1973) and his fellowship in pediatric cardiology (1975) at Duke University. In 1976, Dr. Serwer was appointed an assistant professor of pediatrics at Duke University in the Division of Pediatric Cardiology and was promoted to associate professor in 1983. Dr. Serwer joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor of pediatric cardiology, with tenure, in 1987 and was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 1994.

Dr. Serwer is a nationally and internationally recognized clinical scholar in pediatric pacing and electrophysiology, echocardiography, and computer applications in pediatrics. He is an excellent clinical investigator, superb clinician, and teacher. He has been extensively involved in teaching medical students, pediatric house officers, and cardiology trainees on the inpatient and outpatient services, in the non-invasive laboratories and in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit. He has served on multiple institutional and national committees. His clinical investigations in echocardiography, pacing and electrophysiology have made major contributions to the care of patients with congenital heart disease, rhythm and conduction disorders. He has been at the forefront of computer applications in pediatrics, state and regional networking, data acquisition and analysis. He has held several important administrative roles including as the director of the Pediatric Advanced Life Support Program (1987-2001), director of Pediatric Cardiology Information Systems (1987-2012), and coordinator for Information Technology in the Department of Pediatrics (2003-12). Dr. Serwer has published over 85 peer-reviewed articles, 10 book chapters, and two books. He has served as an ad hoc reviewer for many top tier journals, including the International Journal of Cardiology, Heart Rhythm, Pediatric Cardiology, and Circulation. Dr. Serwer’s contributions to the division, the Department of Pediatrics, and the state are unique, diverse, and extensive. He 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 Gerald A. Serwer, professor emeritus of pediatrics.

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