THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Clifford L. Craig, M.D., clinical associate professor of orthopaedic surgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2024.

A native of Detroit, Dr. Craig earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1969. He completed an orthopaedic surgery residency in 1975 and a fellowship in pediatric orthopaedic surgery at the Tufts New England Medical Center with Dr. Seymour Zimbler in 1976. He was appointed to the orthopaedic faculty at Tufts University School of Medicine as an instructor in 1977, and promoted to assistant professor in 1980, and associate professor in 1994. He was appointed clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1999, from which the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery later differentiated. While on faculty at Tufts University, he was involved with medical student and resident education, and in research with multiple peer-reviewed publications. He received an acknowledgement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for his work with the Massachusetts Handicapped Children's Clinics, and the Craig Rehabilitation Center was established in his honor at the Crystal Springs School in 1989.

Dr. Craig continues to actively participate in patient care, clinical and educational research, and medical student and resident education. His clinical research interests have included the use of ultrasound for the diagnosis and assessment of congenital differences in pediatric orthopaedics. His collaborative medical educational research interests have focused on the use and effectiveness of simulation. As clerkship director for orthopaedic surgery for almost 19 years, he has successfully helped over 70 students obtain orthopaedic residencies. He has dedicated his time and great energies to many medical school courses, orthopaedic residency prep, in addition to lecturing in pediatric and surgery rotations. This participation was recognized by the graduating Medical School class of 2023, voting Dr. Craig one of their two class marshals. He has maintained membership in many professional societies and been involved in alumni affairs, serving as president of the Michigan Medicine Alumni Society in 2006 and continuing to be active in the Alumni Society Academy.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Clifford L. Craig, clinical associate professor emeritus of orthopaedic surgery.

Requested by:

Jon Kinsey Vice President and Secretary of the University

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