

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Thomas P. O'Connor, M.D.**, clinical associate professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2024.

Dr. O'Connor received his B.S. degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI in 1977 and his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1981. He completed his postgraduate training in internal medicine and a chief medical resident year at the University of Michigan in 1985. He joined the University of Michigan faculty where he advanced from clinical instructor to clinical associate professor between 1985 and 1997.

In his primary role as an outpatient clinician, Dr. O'Connor provided outstanding care to a large and increasingly complex panel of general internal medicine patients. Dr. O'Connor's excellent care of his patients was reflected in excellent scores on multiple quality indicators and patient satisfaction surveys.

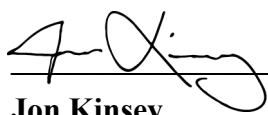
Dr. O'Connor was dedicated to teaching during his long career here at Michigan. He taught, supervised, mentored, and encouraged numerous medical students, residents, junior faculty, and nurse practitioners at the Medical School and in his clinics. He was selected as an inaugural instructor in the Medical School's Doctoring program in 2015 and continued in this role until his retirement. He has given presentations on clinical topics in general medicine, served as third author in a textbook devoted to psychiatry in primary care, and helped develop guidelines for management of ischemic heart disease.

Dr. O'Connor also devoted time to clinical administration. He was the associate division chief for patient care in the General Medicine Division from 1999 through 2015, and the general medicine clinical council chair from 2005-2015. He also served as the medical director for the Briarwood Medical Group from 1990 through 2015. He participated in numerous work groups, strategic plans, and committees, including the Primary Care Operations Committee, the Ambulatory Care Office Emergencies Committee, the Medical Record Work Group as well as the Clinical Information Committee.

Dr. O'Connor received several awards during his career. He received the Richard D. Judge Award for Excellence in Medical Student Teaching, the Steven Gradwohl Art of Primary Care Award, and was an inaugural inductee into the Internal Medicine Clinical Excellence Society.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Thomas O'Connor, clinical associate professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

**Requested by:**



**Jon Kinsey**  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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