

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Howard A Hamerink, D.D.S., clinical assistant professor of dentistry in the School of Dentistry, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2025.

Dr. Hamerink received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1976 and completed graduate studies in 1978. He rejoined the University of Michigan in 1999 as an adjunct assistant professor. He has had several faculty appointments serving as adjunct clinical assistant professor, adjunct clinical associate professor and clinical assistant professor. He was program manager and associate director of the School of Dentistry Community Based Clinical Education program and director of the Victors for Veterans program.

Dr. Hamerink served for more than three decades at the University of Michigan with a commitment to dental education and has enhanced the reputation of the School of Dentistry at the local, state and international level with his focus on community-based clinical education. He was instrumental in mentoring faculty, graduate and predoctoral dental students. In 2012, Dr. Hamerink was appointed academic program manager for Community Based Clinical Education and co-director of the Health Care Delivery Pathway Program for the Dental School. In that position he developed the curriculum, systems to improve management and for off campus predoctoral dental student treatment of patients at underserved area clinics that improved patient care and assessed student competency. In 2012, Dr. Hamerink was instrumental in founding the Pathways “Victors for Veterans Program” which is now in its 13th year with him as director. He has been actively involved in material science and clinical research as principal investigator. He is a member of the American Dental Education Association, International Association of Dental Research and American Academy of Dental Research. He has presented at state, national and international meetings. He received the Faculty Appreciation Award from the Michigan Section of Pierre Fauchard Academy for outstanding contributions to the progress and standing of the dental education at the University of Michigan, Dr. Hamerink served on two accreditation teams. Dr. Hamerink has been a consultant and facilitator for the founding of two special needs clinics one in Traverse City and the other in Lansing. In those roles he contributed to the development and incorporation of primary care criteria and implementation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Howard A. Hamerink, clinical assistant professor emeritus of dentistry.**

Requested by:

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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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