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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

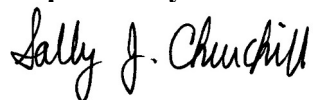
Donald A. Giacherio, Ph.D., clinical associate professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 31, 2020.

Professor Giacherio received his B.S. (1974) degree from Northern Illinois University and his Ph.D. (1980) degree from the University of Illinois. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship in clinical chemistry at the Mayo Clinic in 1982. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1982, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1986, clinical assistant professor in 2002, and clinical associate professor in 2004.

Professor Giacherio's contributions in clinical pathology centered around the education of pathology residents, fellows, and technologists and service work in leading the development and management of the chemical pathology laboratory at the University of Michigan Hospital. He mentored four fellows in chemical pathology and coordinated the educational experiences of over one hundred and sixty pathology residents in the chemical pathology lab. Professor Giacherio served on the executive committee of the Michigan Section of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) for the past thirty years, an organization dedicated to bringing educational opportunities to clinical laboratory staff in the state. He received the Michigan Section of the AACC's Clinical Chemist Recognition Award in 1997, the Department of Pathology's Resident Teaching Award in 2008, and the Michigan State Society for Clinical Laboratory Scientists' Board of Directors Recognition Award in 2013. Professor Giacherio served as the director of the U-M Chemical Pathology Section Laboratories since 1993. Under his leadership, the laboratory progressed from performing 800,000 tests per year to a highly automated, efficient laboratory with a current volume of thirteen million tests per year. He was the driving force behind bringing new technology and developing new tests for the laboratory, most recently high sensitivity cardiac troponin T and SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing. He was instrumental in establishing a point-of-care testing program for the health system. He also served as director of the Michigan Diabetes Research Center's Chemistry Core Laboratory since 2002, a laboratory dedicated to meeting the needs of research investigators studying diabetes.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Donald A. Giacherio, clinical associate professor emeritus of pathology**.

Requested by:



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