

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

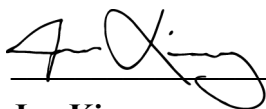
Dean E. Brenner, M.D., Moshe Talpaz, M.D. Professor of Translational Oncology, professor of internal medicine, and professor of pharmacology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 2, 2024.

Professor Brenner received his A.B. degree (1971) from the University of Pennsylvania and his M.D. degree (1974) from Hahnemann Medical College (now Drexel University Medical School). He completed his residency in internal medicine at Pennsylvania State University (1977) and his fellowship in medical oncology at the National Cancer Institute (1980). He served as assistant professor of medicine at Vanderbilt University (1981) and at the University of Buffalo (1986). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as associate professor in 1989 and was promoted to professor in 1996. He was named the Kutsche Memorial Chair of Internal Medicine in 2005 and the Moshe Talpaz, M.D. Professor of Translational Oncology in 2017. Professor Brenner played an integral role in establishing cancer prevention as a premier program at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center (now the Rogel Cancer Center). He cared for cancer patients at the Cancer Center and at the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Professor Brenner devoted his scientific career to bridging the gap between basic science research and application to cancer patients with the goal of reducing morbidity and mortality. He developed new approaches to detect and prevent the progression of pre-cancerous lesions and built a research infrastructure that served as an institutional model for complex research in humans. He used this infrastructure to build and lead multi-investigator projects that linked basic research to the treatment of cancer patients and the implementation of prevention strategies for healthy populations at risk for cancer. He played important roles in the peer review process, setting new standards for research involving humans. He served as inaugural chair of the NIH's Clinical Oncology Special Emphasis Panel and was later appointed a member of the Peer Review Advisory Committee to the NIH's Center for Scientific Research and Office of Extramural Research which led to significant improvements to the grant review process. Over his career, he has authored or co-authored 201 peer-reviewed journal articles on the treatment, prevention, and detection of various forms of cancer. He mentored generations of students, clinical fellows, and faculty, receiving the Distinguished Mentor Award from the Michigan Institute of Health and Clinical Research. The American Cancer Society and the American Society of Clinical Oncology recognized his contributions through a special award for his contributions in cancer prevention.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Dean E. Brenner, professor emeritus of internal medicine and professor emeritus of pharmacology.**

Requested by:



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