## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT:	Academic Department Name Change in the College of Pharmacy
ACTION REQUEST:	Approval to Change the Name of the Clinical, Social and Administrative Sciences Department to the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy
EFFECTIVE DATE:	October 1, 2015

The College of Pharmacy seeks approval to change the name of the Department of Clinical, Social and Administrative Sciences to the Department of Clinical Pharmacy, effective October 1, 2015. This department was created in July 2007, by merging two departments and remains an integral part of the College of Pharmacy. The department mission is to improve the health and wellness of individuals and society by enhancing drug therapy outcomes through production of outstanding professionals from our educational programs, conducting scholarly research and providing exemplary professional and innovative clinical services.

As a discipline, clinical pharmacy has an obligation to contribute to the generation of new knowledge that advances health and quality of life, and this name change more succinctly reflects the entire breadth of our work. According to the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, clinical pharmacy is defined as a health science discipline in which pharmacists provide patient care that optimizes medication therapy and promotes health, wellness, and disease prevention. The practice of clinical pharmacy embraces the philosophy of pharmaceutical care; it blends a caring orientation with specialized therapeutic knowledge, experience, and judgment for the purpose of ensuring optimal patient outcomes.

This action will favorably position the department to attract the best new faculty and students from around the world, and has the endorsement of the current faculty in the Department of Clinical, Social and Administrative Sciences and the Executive Committee of the College of Pharmacy.

**RECOMMENDED BY:** 

James T. Dalton Dean, College of Pharmacy

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Martha E. Pollack Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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