

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

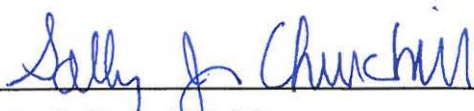
James A. Knol, M.D., Cyrenus G. Darling Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery and associate professor of surgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2016.

Dr. Knol received his A.B. degree from Calvin College in 1970 and his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1974. He was an intern in general surgery (1974-75), a resident in general surgery (1975-78), a senior resident in general surgery (1978-79), and a chief resident in general surgery (1979-80) at the University of Michigan Medical Center. Dr. Knol joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1980, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1983, and associate professor in 1990. He was named the Cyrenus G. Darling Sr., M.D. and Cyrenus G. Darling Jr., M.D. Professor of Surgery in 2010.

Dr. Knol's early research focused on blood flow in acute pancreatitis and blood flow in liver diseases with portal hypertension. He subsequently studied the pharmacodynamics of certain chemotherapeutic agents used in the treatment of gastrointestinal cancers. The outcome of this research led to more than 75 peer-reviewed publications, 40 book chapters, multiple national and international presentations, and numerous U.S. and international patents. Dr. Knol played an instrumental role in the development of liver resection techniques for liver tumors and instructed a generation of general surgeons in these techniques. He is widely-recognized as a superb clinical teacher, with special expertise in the instruction of operative techniques and patient care in hepatobiliary and gastrointestinal surgery. Dr. Knol also served as the medical director of the Taubman Surgery Ambulatory Care Unit since 2007. Dr. Knol received a number of awards, including the W.W. Coon Award for Excellence in Teaching (1989 and 2002), the Silver Scalpel Medical Student Teaching Award (2006), and the Arnold G. Coran General Surgery Teaching Award (2015).

The Regents now salute this distinguished physician and medical educator for his dedicated service by naming **James A. Knol, associate professor emeritus of surgery**.

Requested by:



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