Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Timothy M. Johnson, M.D., Lewis and Lillian Becker Professor of Dermatology, professor of dermatology, professor of surgery, and professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on September 30, 2020.

Dr. Johnson received his B.A. (1980) degree from the University of Texas at Austin and his M.D. (1984) degree from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. He completed his internship at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, Texas (1985) and his dermatology residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center (1988). He completed a Mohs micrographic surgery and cutaneous oncology fellowship at the University of Michigan (1989) and at the Oregon Health and Science University (1990). Dr. Johnson joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1996, and professor in 2003. He was named the William B. Taylor Collegiate Professor of Dermatology in 1999 and the Lewis and Lillian Becker Professor of Dermatology in 2005. Dr. Johnson was appointed the senior associate dean for clinical affairs and executive director of the University of Michigan Medical Group from 2017-18.

As an exceptional scholar, clinician, leader, and mentor, Dr. Johnson developed and led the preeminent internationally acclaimed interdisciplinary melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer programs at Michigan Medicine. He founded the cutaneous oncology biobank programs, which engendered pioneering discovery, exceptional scholarship, and improved treatment outcomes for patients with skin cancer. He co-authored over 300 scholarly publications, delivered numerous keynote and named lectureships throughout the U.S. and abroad, and served on the board of directors and executive committees of several national and international organizations that impacted melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer. He was an invited founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guideline Committees for Skin Cancer (1996-2006) and served on the American Joint Committee on Cancer Staging (2006-17). Dr. Johnson received numerous honors for his work, such as the Dean’s Clinical Award for the Specialist (2002), the American Academy of Dermatology’s Everett C. Fox, M.D. Memorial Lecture (2011), the Kung-Sun Oh Memorial Lecture (2008), and the American Head and Neck Society’s Presidential Citation (2012).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Timothy M. Johnson, professor emeritus of dermatology, professor emeritus of surgery, and professor emeritus of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.

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