

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Laurence F. McMahon, Jr., M.D., M.P.H.**, professor of internal medicine in the Medical School and professor of health management and policy in the School of Public Health, retired from active faculty status on September 30, 2021.

Dr. McMahon received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University in 1973, his M.P.H. degree in hospital administration from the Yale School of Public Health in 1975, and his M.D. degree from the University of Vermont in 1979. He completed his internal medicine residency at the Strong Memorial Hospital in 1982. Dr. McMahon completed a GI fellowship at the Yale School of Medicine in 1985. During his GI fellowship, he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Health Systems Management Group of Yale University's School of Management. He was recruited to the University of Michigan in 1985 as an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, and in 1986 he received an appointment in the Department of Health Services Management and Policy in the School of Public Health. He was appointed the chief of the Division of General Medicine in 1988. Dr. McMahon was promoted to associate professor in 1990, and professor in 1996.

At the University of Michigan, Dr. McMahon has had a variety of duties and milestones as chief, including recruiting hundreds of outstanding scholars and clinicians. In 2003, he developed the hospitalist program, the forerunner to the Division of Hospital Medicine inaugurated in 2017. Dr. McMahon provided key services, including serving as interim chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, and program director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program. He co-led the successful effort for Michigan to be awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, which transformed the field of health services research at the Medical School. He served on numerous institutional committees, notably the University of Michigan Medical Group Board. He held national leadership positions, including serving as the president of the Association of Chiefs and Leaders of General Internal Medicine. As a practicing clinician, he is constantly surveying changes in the primary care landscape and has advocated modernizing primary care locally and nationally.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Laurence F. McMahon, Jr., professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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