

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

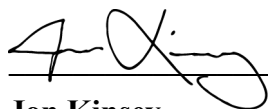
Edwin G. Wilkins, M.D., M.S., professor of surgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on September 21, 2024.

Dr. Wilkins received his B.A. (1977) degree from Davidson College, and his M.D. (1981) degree from Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University. He received his Master of Science degree in evaluative clinical science from Dartmouth College in 1999. He first had an internship in general surgery at Charlotte Memorial Hospital (1981-1982), before joining their residency program from (1982-1986). He then joined Vanderbilt University School of Medicine for a plastic surgery residency (1986-1988), followed up with a microsurgery fellowship at the University of Louisville School of Medicine (1988-1989). Dr. Wilkins began his academic career as an instructor in the University of Michigan Section of Plastic Surgery in 1989. He was appointed an assistant professor in 1992, and promoted to associate professor in 1995, and professor in 2009.

Over the last 35 years, Dr. Wilkins' clinical focus has been in breast surgery, performing mastectomy reconstruction, microsurgery, and most recently, gender-affirming surgery. His research during this time has centered on the assessment of patient-reported outcomes (PROs) of these procedures. He has conducted large, multicentered, prospective studies to evaluate the impact of mastectomy reconstruction and gender-affirming "top surgeries" on patients' psychosocial well-being, body image, and overall health-related quality of life. As part of his research, Dr. Wilkins has also worked to develop condition-specific PRO measures (surveys) to assess these and other PROs. In essence, his work has sought to examine health care outcomes from patients' perspectives, assessing the impact of surgeries on their daily lives. Over the course of his research career, he has been funded as principal investigator by the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, the Plastic Surgery Foundation, and other extramural agencies, resulting in over \$6 million in direct and indirect funding. His work has produced 133 peer-reviewed publications, as well as podium presentations at a variety of national and international professional meetings.

The Regents now salute this distinguished physician and medical educator for his dedicated service by naming **Edwin G. Wilkins, professor emeritus of surgery**.

Requested by:



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