

The University of Michigan Regents Communication Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

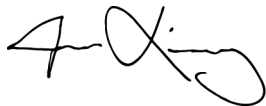
Joseph M. Messana, M.D., professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on September 30, 2026.

Professor Messana received B.S. and M.D. degrees in 1978 and 1982, respectively, from the University of Michigan. After post-doctoral training, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1988, was promoted to assistant professor in 1990, and after a brief hiatus from academic medicine, was subsequently promoted to associate professor in 2000 and professor in 2011. He was also research professor in health management and policy in the School of Public Health from 2018-2023.

Dr. Messana's contributions to the University include teaching, leadership, and health policy expertise related to End Stage Kidney Disease (ESKD). In 1998, Dr. Messana received the H. Marvin Pollard Award for Outstanding Resident Teaching in the Department of Internal Medicine. He was named the Nephrology Teacher of the Year multiple times and was the inaugural Richard D. Swartz, M.D. Collegiate Professor of Nephrology (2013), in recognition of his clinical and teaching contributions. He served the university in various clinical leadership roles, including nephrology clinical service chief (2003-2009) and as the initial CEO and executive medical director of Michigan Dialysis Services, LLC. (1999-2006). In 2004, he began a collaboration with UM SPH faculty on research informing revision of Medicare payment policy for ESKD. He also worked on research projects funded by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) related to oversight and quality in the Medicare Program. He directed the Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center from 2016-2020.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Joseph M. Messana, professor emeritus of internal medicine**.

Requested by:



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