

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Michael W. Quasney, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pediatrics in the Medical School, retired from active faculty on January 5, 2026.

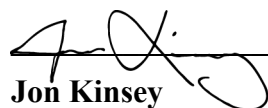
Dr. Quasney received his bachelor's degree in 1979 and his PhD in 1985, both from the University of Michigan. In 1988, he earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois Medical School. Dr. Quasney began his pediatric residency at Northwestern University in 1988 and completed his residency at the University of Tennessee in 1991. He went on to complete a pediatric critical care fellowship at the University of Tennessee in 1994. From 1994 to 2006, Dr. Quasney held faculty appointments at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. In 2006, he was appointed professor with tenure at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In 2012, Dr. Quasney joined the University of Michigan as professor with tenure and division director in the Department of Pediatrics, a role from which he now retires.

Throughout Dr. Quasney's 13-year career at the University of Michigan, he has held administrative roles as the division director of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine and was also the chief of Pediatric Critical Care Services from 2012 to 2022. Dr. Quasney has published over 120 peer-reviewed journal articles which focus on the role of host genetics in the response to critical illness, molecular changes seen in children with sepsis and association of biomarkers with acute respiratory failure. He also has authored many book chapters and reviews, most of which focused on the concept of personalized medicine as related to pediatric critical care. Dr. Quasney has received funding from the National Institute of Health, the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association, and is currently the principal investigator for the NIH-funded Collaborative Pediatric Critical Care Research Network.

During Dr. Quasney's time leading the Pediatric Critical Care Division he focused on the division's clinical excellence and research impact. The division increased its already substantial NIH funded research, and its members have led groundbreaking studies related to critical illness in children. In addition, the national presence of the division is not only indicated by the number of NIH funded research grants but also the national leadership positions held by division members. In summary, Dr. Quasney has been an instrumental member of the university community and department through his commitment to academic excellence, high-quality patient care, research, service, and leadership.

The Regents now salute this distinguished clinician, scholar, leader, and teacher by naming **Michael W. Quasney, professor emeritus of pediatrics**.

Requested by:



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