The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

F. John Brinley, III, M.D., FACP, clinical assistant professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on November 30, 2026.

Dr. Brinley received his B.A. degree from Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences, in 1983 and his M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1987. He completed his postgraduate training in internal medicine at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center in 1990. He joined the University of Virginia faculty from 1991-1994. He then joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical assistant professor in August of 1994.

Dr. Brinley's primary role during his 32-year career at the University of Michigan was as an outpatient general internist and primary care physician. He provided high quality and compassionate care to his patients. His top-notch quality and patient satisfaction scores are a testament to his clinical expertise.

Dr. Brinley also had several major administrative roles during his career at Michigan Medicine. He was the medical director of the Canton Health Center for 23 years. He became assistant chief for Ambulatory Care Operations in 2018, serving in that role for 4 years, during which time he helped organize the clinical operations of a large division of over 80 clinicians. Dr. Brinley has served on numerous committees as detailed in his CV and has had a large impact on clinical care in General Medicine during his career.

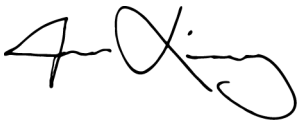
Dr. Brinley has also contributed substantially to medical education, staffing a resident continuity clinic weekly for over 25 years, and mentoring numerous junior faculty members, residents, and APPs.

Dr. Brinley received a number of awards during his career including the Gradwohl Art of Primary Care Award in 2025, the Chair's Award for Impact in 2024, and the Gradwohl Excellence in Continuity Clinic Teaching Award in 2015. He was inducted into the Clinical Excellence Society for the Department of Internal Medicine in 2018.

Finally, and not unimportantly, Dr. Brinley showed up for work every day for 32 years.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **F. John Brinley, III, clinical assistant professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

Respectfully submitted:



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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