

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**  
**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Andrew J. Haig, M.D.**, professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2015.

Dr. Haig received his B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1980 and his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1983. He completed his internship (1983-84) and residency (1983-86) at Northwestern University. Dr. Haig was as an assistant professor at the University of Vermont (1986-89). He also has served as a volunteer clinical assistant professor (1990-93) and volunteer clinical associate professor (1993-present) at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1996, and was promoted to associate professor in 2000, and professor in 2007.

An exceptional researcher, clinician, and teacher, Dr. Haig is a leader in the fields of back pain and the paraspinal muscles, multidisciplinary rehabilitation, leadership development, and global health policy. His clinical work focused on spinal disorders and electrodiagnostic testing applied to areas ranging from sports medicine to pediatric rehabilitation. Dr. Haig is well known for conducting the first masked studies in the 60 year history of diagnostic needle electromyography and the first randomized trial of multidisciplinary team assessment of disability. He has received dozens of research awards beginning with young investigator awards from the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine. Dr. Haig has authored and co-authored 134 peer-reviewed journal articles, thirteen book chapters, and one book. He founded the University of Michigan Spine Fellowship which during his tenure was considered one of the best fellowship programs in the country. Dr. Haig was actively involved in a number of professional associations including the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the American Medical Association, and the Association of Academic Physiatrists.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Andrew J. Haig, professor emeritus of physical medicine and rehabilitation.**

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
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