

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** **Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested:** **Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**James A. Leonard, M.D.**, clinical professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2017.

Dr. Leonard received his B.S. (1968) degree from the University of Detroit and his M.D. (1972) degree from the University of Michigan. He completed a combined internship and residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University of Michigan from 1972-75. While on active military leave from 1976-1979, Dr. Leonard served at the Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1975 and held a number of appointments, including instructor, assistant professor, clinical assistant professor, clinical associate professor, and clinical professor. He served as chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation from 1996-06.

Dr. Leonard is a leader in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation, with special expertise in the care and treatment of amputee patients and those requiring prosthetics and orthotics. He has an extensive record of teaching medical students, residents, and fellows as well as presenting at numerous national conferences and seminars. Dr. Leonard was actively involved in a number of national organizations, including the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine, the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, and Association of Academic Physiatrists. He received the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation's Distinguished Clinician Award (2000), the American Association of Electrodiagnostic and Neuromuscular Medicine's Distinguished Physician Award (2010), and three UM Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation's Silver Crutch Awards (1989, 1994, and 2009) for excellence in resident teaching.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **James A. Leonard, clinical professor emeritus of physical medicine and rehabilitation**.

**Requested by:**

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