THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

David Robert Lucas, M.D., clinical professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on January 2, 2023.

Dr. Lucas received his medical degree from Wayne State University’s School of Medicine in 1988. He completed his residency in anatomic pathology at the Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center (1992), and fellowships in bone and soft tissue and surgical pathology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN (1993). He is board certified in anatomic pathology. He worked as an anatomic pathologist at the Detroit Medical Center from 1993-2003, where he was appointed assistant professor and associate professor. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical associate professor in 2003, and was promoted to clinical professor in 2006.

Dr. Lucas’s contributions to pathology centered around the tripartite mission of patient care, education, and research. In addition to teaching and mentoring many pathology residents and fellows over his long career, Dr. Lucas also taught and developed courses for medical students, community pathologists, and ancillary health care workers through lectures, labs, and seminars. His teaching was mostly on-the-job training of house officers, including didactic lectures and discussion groups. He was awarded three resident teaching awards during his career. Dr. Lucas’s practice was in surgical pathology with special interest in bone and soft tissue pathology. His bibliography contains 146 peer-reviewed publications, 10 book chapters, and three editions of the textbook Diagnostic Pathology: Soft Tissue Tumors. Most of his publications are related to bone and soft tissue tumors. He has presented his work at national and international venues. He also served as study pathologist on several national clinical trials and served as the bone cancer pathologist for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (2017-22). In addition to his many contributions to Michigan Medicine, Dr. Lucas served in several important leadership roles including director of anatomic pathology, director of surgical pathology, director of immunohistochemistry, and director of the surgical pathology fellowship program.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming David Robert Lucas, clinical professor emeritus of pathology.

Requested by:

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