

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents
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Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

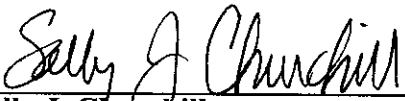
Ziad A. Kronfol, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2006, after a productive career as a clinician, teacher, and researcher.

Dr. Kronfol received his B.S. and M.D. degrees from the American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, in 1970 and 1974, respectively, and completed his residency in psychiatry at the University of Iowa in 1977. From 1977-79, Dr. Kronfol was an instructor of psychiatry at the American University of Beirut. This was followed by a research fellowship in the psychiatry department at the University of Michigan Medical School from 1979-82. From 1982-85, he was an assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Iowa. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor of psychiatry in 1986.

A pioneer in the area of psychoimmunology, Dr. Kronfol established a psychoimmunology laboratory in 1986 and served as director of psychoimmunology until his retirement. A publication in *Life Sciences* on lymphocyte dysfunction in depressed patients was widely referenced as the initial publication demonstrating mild immune impairment in depressed patients. His research in psychoneuroimmunology, the effects of depression and stress on the immune system, the role of cytokines in psychiatric disorders, and psychiatric effects of treatment with cytokines have been presented at national and international meetings. Dr. Kronfol pursued an active clinical practice within the Medical School and at the Ann Arbor Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, where he served as psychiatry consultant for the Intensive Psychiatric Care Program. Throughout his career, Dr. Kronfol has had a comprehensive, organized approach to clinical care. He has been a devoted and conscientious teacher, a talented psychiatrist, and internationally recognized scholar in the areas of depression and psychoimmunology.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Ziad A. Kronfol associate professor emeritus of psychiatry**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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