

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

David A. Spahlinger, M.D., clinical professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 9, 2023.

Dr. Spahlinger received his B.S. degree from The Ohio State University in 1977 and his M.D. degree from The Ohio State University's School of Medicine in 1980. He then completed his residency training in internal medicine at the University of Michigan, serving as the chief medical resident from 1983-1984. After his residency, he entered private practice at the Wooster Clinic in Wooster, Ohio. Dr. Spahlinger returned to the University of Michigan in 1994 as a clinical instructor in the general medicine division of the Department of Internal Medicine. He was also appointed the medical director of primary care, a position he held through 1997. In 1995, Dr. Spahlinger was promoted to clinical assistant professor of internal medicine, and in 1997 was promoted to clinical associate professor, and in 2014 was promoted to clinical professor. Dr. Spahlinger was appointed assistant dean for clinical affairs of the Medical School in 1996. He was appointed associate dean in 2000, senior associate dean in 2004, and executive vice dean in 2016. He served five medical school deans over 25 years. Dr. Spahlinger served as the medical director and executive director of the Medical School's Faculty Group Practice from 1997-2016.

In 2016, Dr. Spahlinger was selected to become the president of the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers and the University of Michigan Medical Group leading both the health system and the physician enterprise. He led the clinical enterprise for 5 years including through the difficult first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. During his 5 years as president of the University of Michigan Health System, his primary focus was on patient and employee safety. He created the chief safety officer role and required safety training for all faculty and staff working in the health system. In addition to his leadership roles at the University of Michigan, he served as an external advisor to the University of California Regents on the health services committee that governed the six medical centers from 2018-2021. He also served as the chair of the AAMC committee that advised the AAMC board on health care reform from 2008-2011. Dr. Spahlinger maintained his clinical practice throughout his career both in the hospital and clinic. Dr. Spahlinger has enjoyed teaching medical students and residents throughout his career.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **David A. Spahlinger, clinical professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

Requested by:



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