

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Thomas W. Wakefield, M.D.**, James C. Stanley Professor of Vascular Surgery and professor of surgery in the Department of Surgery, Section of Vascular Surgery, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2023.

Dr. Wakefield received his undergraduate degree from the University of Toledo in 1975 and his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Ohio in 1978. He completed his general surgery residency (1984) and vascular surgery fellowship (1986) at the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan as an instructor in 1984, became an assistant professor in 1986, was promoted to associate professor in 1992, and promoted to professor in 1998. Dr. Wakefield was appointed the S. Martin Lindenauer Collegiate Professor from 2002-2012 and the James C. Stanley Professor of Vascular Surgery in 2012. Dr. Wakefield was section head of vascular surgery from 2004-2022 and a director of the Samuel and Jean Frankel Cardiovascular Center from 2014-2022.

Dr. Wakefield's clinical interests include a special emphasis on venous disease and coagulation issues. His research in the Conrad Jobst Vascular Research Lab involves evaluating the role of inflammation in thrombogenesis, which has been funded by NIH/NHLBI for over twenty continuous years, numerous grants from the American Heart Association, and pharmaceutical companies, including Wyeth and Upjohn. He was also the lead principal investigator on an NIH T32 training grant in vascular biology for fifteen years. Dr. Wakefield has authored over 300 peer-reviewed scientific articles, more than 150 book chapters, and contributed to more than 580 scientific symposia. He served as the president of the American Venous Forum, Michigan Vascular Society, and the University of Toledo Alumni Association. He has received numerous honors and awards including the University of Toledo's James K. Larson Award for Outstanding Career Achievement (2008), the American Heart Association's Coeur D'OR Award for Excellence (2013), the International Union of Phlebology's Award for Excellence in Basic Science Research in Phlebology (2018), the Founders Award from the American Venous Forum (2019), American Heart Association Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology's (ATVB) Special Recognition Award in Thrombosis (2020), the University of Toledo's Blue T and Gold T Awards (2018, 2021), and University of Michigan's Vascular Surgery Excellence in Education (2020).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Thomas W. Wakefield, professor emeritus of surgery**.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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