

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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Regents
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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Ralph Howard Stern, Ph.D., M.D., clinical assistant professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2015.

Dr. Stern received his B.S. (1968) degree from Michigan State University, his M.A. (1973) and Ph.D. (1975) degrees from The Johns Hopkins University, and his M.D. (1979) degree from the University of Miami. He completed a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellowship (1975-77) at Brandeis University, a medical internship (1979-80) at Boston University, a medical genetics fellowship (1980-81) and medical residency (1981-83) at the University of Washington, and a clinical pharmacology fellowship (1989-91) at the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Stern held positions with Genetics Screening and Counseling Service, American Cyanamid, Parke-Davis, and Pfizer, Inc. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an adjunct assistant professor in 1996, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 2005.

A superb clinician and researcher, Dr. Stern is a leading authority in the fields of cardiovascular medicine and human genetics, with special expertise in aneurysmal diseases, cardiovascular pharmacology, hypertension management, and vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. He authored numerous peer-reviewed articles in the top scholarly journals, was a reviewer for nine journals, and served as the editor of the *Journal of Clinical Hypertension* from 2007-15. Dr. Stern was appointed the service chief for the Division of Molecular Medicine and Genetics in the Department of Internal Medicine in 2012. A gifted teacher and dedicated mentor, he was actively involved in the clinical training, development, and education of medical students, residents, and fellows in the University's Hypertension/Hyperlipidemia/Preventive Cardiology Clinic. Dr. Stern is a member of the American Society of Human Genetics, the American Society of Hypertension, and the American College of Physicians.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Ralph Howard Stern, clinical assistant professor emeritus of internal medicine.**

Requested by:



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