

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

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Regents  
November 20, 2014

**ACTION REQUEST**

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

Neal W. Persky, M.D., M.P.H., clinical assistant professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on October 31, 2014.

Dr. Persky received his B.S. (1977) and M.D. (1981) degrees from the University of Illinois and his M.P.H. (1986) from the University of Michigan. He completed an internship (1981-82) and residency (1982-84) at the University of Colorado and a clinical fellowship (1984-86) and research fellowship (1986-87) at the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1987, and was promoted to clinical instructor II in 1995, and clinical assistant professor in 2007. He held an additional appointment of faculty associate in the Institute of Gerontology from 1987-2012.

A superb clinician, Dr. Persky excelled at the delivery of thoughtful, interdisciplinary, and compassionate patient care. His clinical work focused on geriatric medicine, hospice care, and palliative medicine, with special expertise in the treatment of patients with dementia, the management of decubitus ulcers, and the prevention of falls and premature deaths within long-term care settings. Dr. Persky has held numerous important roles including medical director of the Geriatric Inpatient Services (1987-1992), medical director of the Turner Geriatric Clinics (1988-2005), associate director for Clinical Programs in the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center (1997-2005), and medical director of the Glacier Hills Nursing Home (2004-2012). A skilled educator and dedicated mentor, Dr. Persky played an instrumental role in the training and development of a generation of medical students, residents, and fellows.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for his dedicated service by naming **Neal W. Persky clinical assistant professor emeritus of internal medicine**.

**Requested by:**



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