

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Miles O. Colwell, Jr., M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2016.

Dr. Colwell received his B.A.E. (1979) degree from The Pennsylvania State University and his M.D. (1986) degree from Texas Tech University. He completed a physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at the University of Michigan (1986-90) and a manual medicine fellowship at Michigan State University (1991-93). He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1990, and was promoted to clinical instructor in 1996, and clinical assistant professor in 2004.

Dr. Colwell provided exemplary patient care and treatment in the Department of Physical Medicine for over 26 years. His clinical interests focused on general rehabilitation, manual medicine, biomechanics, spine, amputation management, amputee prosthetics and orthotics, and sports medicine. Dr. Colwell's research endeavors focused on manual medicine and the biomechanics of the spine. He made important contributions to a number of notable articles, book chapters, and books. Dr. Colwell provided numerous lectures to colleagues, residents, and medical students in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the Division of Occupational Therapy, the Division of Physical Therapy, and the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital. Additionally, he made important contributions to the University with his service as a managed care department representative and on the Pain Management Steering Committee. Dr. Colwell generously shared his time and expertise as a physician on-site for the Trails Edge Camp for Ventilator Dependent Children from 1990-2002. He also served as a physician on-site for the annual U.S. National Water Ski Tournament for the Physically Challenged and notably for the World Disabled Trophy Water Ski Tournament in 1991 and 1997.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Miles O. Colwell, Jr., clinical assistant professor emeritus of physical medicine and rehabilitation.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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