THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Grace Elta, M.D., H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professor of Gastroenterology and professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on February 28, 2019.

Dr. Elta received her B.S. (1973) and M.D. (1977) degrees from the University of Michigan, where she also completed her internal medicine internship (1977-78). She completed her internal medicine residency (1978-80) and gastroenterology fellowship (1980-82) at the Tufts New England Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Elta joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1982, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1985, associate professor in 1990, and professor in 1997. She was named the H. Marvin Pollard Collegiate Professor in 2014.

Dr. Elta’s clinical and research interests were in the areas of biliary tract disease, endoscopy, and pancreatic disease. She authored over 100 peer-reviewed publications and 25 book chapters, and was a frequent presenter at national meetings. Dr. Elta received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Rudolph V. Schindler Award from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (2018) as well as induction into the Medical School’s inaugural class of the League of Clinical Excellence (2012). In addition to her scholarly achievements, Dr. Elta was a committed educator who played an instrumental role in the training and education of medical students, residents, and fellows, and was involved in numerous continuing medical education activities externally. Dr. Elta provided extensive institutional service through such roles as director of the Medical Procedures Unit and associate division chief of Clinical Programs. She was also actively involved in a number of national societies, including as council chair for Digestive Disease Week.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Grace Elta, professor emerita of internal medicine.

Requested by:

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