PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Richard G. Ohye, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery, Medical School, is being recommended for promotion to Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Department of Surgery, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

M.D. 1989 Ohio State University
B.A. 1985 University of Philadelphia

Professional Record:

2000-Present Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Michigan
2000 Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, Medical College of Ohio
1999-2000 Assistant Professor of Surgery, Albany Medical Center

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Ohye’s teaching efforts have been outstanding. In addition to teaching in the operating room and on patient rounds with the residents and fellows, Dr. Ohye has been actively involved in the teaching of pre-undergraduate, undergraduate, and medical students. His activities as both career and research mentor have resulted in numerous manuscripts and abstracts. He lectures regularly at the Medical School and in the Thoracic Residency Didactic lecture series. He is involved in developing the core curriculum for the new congenital cardiovascular surgery residency being prepared by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. His evaluations from all attendees have been uniformly outstanding, reflecting the dedication and expertise put into these talks. Dr. Ohye has been an invited lecturer at major society meetings and symposia throughout the world. These invitations are reflective of the international stature Dr. Ohye has achieved in the field of congenital heart disease.

Research: Dr. Ohye’s academic productivity has resulted in 28 articles, 11 book chapters, and 17 abstracts as first or senior author since his appointment. These articles cover a wide range of topics within the field of congenital heart disease. Dr. Ohye has received grants from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, and industry sponsors, as well as internal grants from the Cardiovascular Center and the Department of Surgery. As chair of a trial committee of the Pediatric Heart Network, Dr. Ohye succeeded in getting 13 additional centers to participate in a randomized study of patients with hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS). His coordination of those centers, including surgeons, cardiologists, and anesthesiologists, is considered to be unique and unlikely to be reproduced for some time.
Recent and Significant Publications:


Service: Since Dr. Ohye's arrival on the faculty, he has had numerous hospital appointments including Director of the Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Fellowship Program, Surgical Director of Pediatric Heart Transplantation, and Program Director for the Thoracic Surgery Residency Program. He has been on the University of Michigan Faculty Senate for three years. He has served on many University, Medical School, and Hospital committees and currently sits on five extramural boards and committees.

Dr. Ohye continues to develop an active clinical practice, attracting patients from throughout the State of Michigan, the Midwest, and beyond. His surgical outcomes on even the most difficult cases have been excellent.

External Review:

Reviewer A: "Dr. Ohye is admired and respected by the community of his peers in congenital heart surgery and is not only an accomplished and skillful surgeon...but also as a very thoughtful, disciplined, innovative, and demanding investigator...his commitment to surgical education is manifest not only in the amount of time that he devotes to selection, education, and counseling of medical students, but to his directorship of the thoracic residency program at the University of Michigan, which is one of the most prestigious programs and most highly sought after training opportunities in our field."

Reviewer B: "He has been active in clinical research with a significant body of contributions to the literature in the field of pediatric cardiovascular surgery....I believe that Richard Ohye's outstanding background and training, his significant contributions to the literature in the field of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery (both clinical and research), his participation in peer review on a national level and his active leadership in ongoing clinical trials in pediatric cardiothoracic surgery all reflect his stature in the field. I believe he meets all of the requirements for promotion to the level of Associate Professor of Surgery."
Reviewer C: “Dr. Ohye has made significant contributions to the field of cardiac surgery specifically related to transplantation as well as to the treatment of hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS). He has a growing reputation as an outstanding clinical surgeon and he has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals....I am confident that he will become (and in fact already is) a leader in the field.”

Reviewer D: “He has made important contributions to our understanding of several aspects of the surgical management of infants with single ventricle. He is recognized at the national and international levels for his expertise in congenital heart surgery. His bibliography is very solid with consistent productivity.”

Reviewer E: “Dr. Ohye’s paper on mediastinitis is an excellent contribution to the literature and has impacted the treatment of mediastinitis, a rare but important complication following open-heart surgery. The contrast with the treatment and outcome compared to treatment of the same problem in adults is striking and significant. This single contribution has probably had a greater impact on the care of pediatric patients with mediastinitis than anyone appreciates.”

Summary of Recommendation:

In summary, Dr. Ohye has clearly established himself as a national and international expert in the field of surgical treatment of congenital heart disease. His academic, clinical, and research activities are outstanding. His accomplishments in research and teaching are highly regarded by his peers here and around the world. It is our pleasure to recommend him as an outstanding candidate for promotion to Associate Professor, with tenure, in the Department of Surgery.

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