PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Lisa A. Newman, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Department of Surgery, Medical School, is recommended for promotion to Professor of Surgery, with tenure, Department of Surgery, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

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Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Teaching is a very important part of Dr. Newman’s career. She is the course director for the weekly University of Michigan Breast Care Center’s Continuing Medical Education accredited educational lecture series and annual University of Michigan symposium on multidisciplinary management of breast cancer. She maintains a full lectureship schedule and provides mentorship for medical student researchers and breast fellows as well as didactic lectures for medical students, residents, and physician assistants. Since 2003, Dr. Newman has been involved with the development of standardized curriculum for PGY-III one-month rotation with surgical breast section; curriculum includes teaching objectives, weekly responsibilities, weekly didactic sessions, syllabus, and pre/post-rotation quiz. She also developed a standardized two-day training course in clinical trials participation and lymphatic mapping/sentinel lymph node biopsy for surgeons providing care to geographically-remote, medically-underserved, and ethnically-diverse communities. The training course includes didactic sessions, syllabus materials, intraoperative teaching, and post-course evaluation.

Research: Dr. Newman has proven to be a productive researcher. Her research interests are in Cancer Incidence and Outcome Disparities with a focus on breast cancer disparities related to racial/ethnic background and socioeconomic resources as well as Neoadjuvant Systemic Therapy for Breast Cancer and Lymphatic mapping and Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy for Breast Cancer. Dr. Newman leads the African Ancestry Project which has received funding from the University
of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. This project studies breast cancer in African American women with several epidemiologic analyses involving data from the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results Program, as well as the National Cancer Data Base. This work has expanded to include more global analyses of breast cancer in women with African ancestry, and she now collaborates with healthcare facilities in Ghana, Africa to study inherited susceptibility for particular breast tumor subtypes.

Dr. Newman has received many research awards and grants. She was the primary investigator for a research award from the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Project (NSABP) titled Feasibility of Ductal Lavage in Breast Cancer Patients ($50,000, 2002), has received awards totaling $126,000 (2003-2005) from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for her studies on Improving Access to Clinical Trials and Lymphatic Mapping/Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Among Public Hospitals, and received an additional $160,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for Directorship of the University of Michigan Multidisciplinary Breast Fellowship.

Dr. Newman has over 70 peer-reviewed publications, 50 abstract presentations at professional meetings and nine chapters in medical text books. She is a highly desired visiting professor and invited lecturer.

Recent and Significant Publications:


Service: Community outreach and education of others remains a personal and professional priority for Dr. Newman. She served as Chief National Medical Advisor for the Sisters Network, Inc, a national African American breast cancer survivor advocacy organization for the past seven years. She mentors trainees in breast cancer management and disparities research through her responsibilities as Program Director for the University of Michigan Breast Fellowship. She is aggressively involved with promoting cancer clinical trial participation and cultural competence through her work as Chairperson for the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group Special Populations Committee, and as Chair for the Society of Surgical Oncology Disparities Task Force. She promotes improved cancer care delivery through her work as Chair for the American Society of Clinical Oncology Health Services Committee, which is responsible for developing the highly-respected ASCO Clinical Practice Guidelines.

External Review:

Reviewer A: “Lisa has distinguished herself as one of the nationally and internationally renowned breast surgeons whose contributions in the field of breast oncology are noteworthy....She’s one of the most sought after speakers and I have seen her name in almost every breast cancer symposium.”

Reviewer B: “Recognized as one of our nation’s leading surgical oncologists, she has been actively involved in surgical oncology programs for the past several years emphasizing breast cancer disparities in African American women....Her scholarship in the areas of breast cancer and healthcare disparities has fostered further scientific studies in these areas.”

Reviewer C: “She has clearly demonstrated leadership, independence, and creativity in her academic pursuits. Based on her scientific contributions, national leadership, and time on staff, she would assuredly be promoted to full Professor status at my own institution....Perhaps one of the most unique and enviable aspects of her curriculum vitæ is her contributions at the community and humanitarian level. I would characterize Lisa’s research program as research in action.”

Reviewer D: “She is without any doubt one of the leading surgical oncologist [sic] in the area of breast disease. She has numerous publications in leading surgical journals regarding the role of positive lymph nodes in the outcomes of breast cancer patients. She was one of the first to identify that patients with micrometastases in the sentinel lymph node face an extremely low risk of having extensive nodal disease. Therefore, she helped establish the concept that complete axillary dissections are not needed if there are only micrometastases. This is a major contribution to patient care.”

Reviewer E: “In my opinion, Dr. Newman is one of the premier surgical oncologists in the nation with expertise in the multidisciplinary management of breast cancer and is nationally known for her research efforts in breast cancer management, risk assessment and cancer outcomes disparities. Her record of scholarly achievements is truly impressive....Dr. Newman’s clinical and academic achievements are truly outstanding and she is among the nationally recognized experts in her field, both as a surgical oncologist and as a clinical investigator.”
Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Lisa A. Newman is an outstanding academic clinician, investigator, teacher and mentor who is providing local, regional, and national leadership in her profession. I strongly recommended her for promotion to Professor of Surgery.

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
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*Lyle C. Roll Professor of Medicine*

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