THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Regents Communication  

ACTION REQUEST  

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement  

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir  

Satwant K. Samra, M.D., professor of anesthesiology, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on February 29, 2008.

Dr. Samra was educated in Punjab, India, where she received her M.B.B.S. degree from the Government Medical College in Patiala in 1965, and her M.D. degree from the Medical Institute in Chandigarh in 1968. She completed a residency program in obstetrics and gynecology at the Post Graduate Institute in Chandigarh in 1968, and a fellowship in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Iowa Hospital from 1972-73. In 1973, she enrolled in a residency program in anesthesiology at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, and upon completion, she served as a lecturer at Loyola from 1975-78. Dr. Samra joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in anesthesiology in 1978, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1981, and associate professor in 1985. From 1985-91 she was on the faculty of the University of Texas. She returned to the University of Michigan as an associate professor in 1991 and was promoted to professor in 1996.

Within the Department of Anesthesiology, Dr. Samra made significant contributions in many areas. As a clinician, she provided compassionate and excellent patient care. Her primary research interest has been in the field of neurosurgical anesthesia; she is the author of 50 peer-reviewed publications and numerous book chapters. She was the principal investigator or co-investigator for 14 grants, mostly in the field of neurosurgical anesthesia, including a large National Institutes of Health multi-center grant for studying cognitive function after aneurysm surgery which was awarded in 2002.

Dr. Samra has served on many committees at the national, state, and local levels, and is a member of the executive committee of the Washtenaw County Medical Society. Within the anesthesiology department, she provided lengthy service on the Clinical Competency Committee and was director of neurosurgical anesthesia.

The Regents now salute this distinguished medical educator for her dedicated service by naming Satwant K. Samra professor emerita of anesthesiology.

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