THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Barbara S. Adams, M.D., clinical professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on October 31, 2012.

Dr. Adams received her B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1969, and her M.D. degree from Tufts University in 1974. Following an internship at the University of Michigan, she served as a staff physician at the University Health Service from 1975-81. After completing residency and fellowship training at the University of Michigan from 1981-85, she joined the faculty as a lecturer in the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases in 1985. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1992, clinical associate professor in 1997, and clinical professor in 2005. From 1988-92, she was also a research investigator in the Department of Internal Medicine.

A dedicated and highly valued clinician, investigator, and teacher, Dr. Adams’ research and clinical work focused on juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and juvenile idiopathic arthritis. She has been recognized as an excellent teacher and mentor for medical students, house officers, and fellows, and has been project director of the Pediatric Rheumatology Fellowship since 1999. She served as medical director of the Pediatric Multispecialty Clinics from 1996-2005, and she was named division director of pediatric rheumatology in 1997. Dr. Adams authored 18 peer-reviewed articles, three book chapters, and numerous scientific abstracts, and presented more than 50 invited lectures at national or international venues. Since 2002, she has been a member of the medical advisory board of Arthritis Today. Dr. Adams received an American College of Rheumatology Clinician Scholar Educator Award from 2002-05. In 2003, she received the DTE Energy Foundation Community Luminary Award on behalf of the State of Michigan Juvenile Arthritis Initiative.

The Regents now salute this dedicated clinician, teacher, and researcher by naming Barbara S. Adams clinical professor emerita of pediatrics and communicable diseases.

Requested by:

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