

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

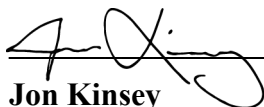
Lori Lowe, M.D., clinical professor of pathology and clinical professor of dermatology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on January 12, 2026.

Dr. Lowe received her B.A. from Occidental College (1981) and her M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School, Houston, Texas (1985). She completed an internship at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston (1986) and a dermatology residency at University of Texas Medical School (1989), followed by a dermatopathology fellowship at the University of Colorado School of Medicine (1991). Dr. Lowe joined the University of Michigan faculty as clinical assistant professor in 1996. She was promoted to clinical associate professor in 1998 and clinical professor in 2004.

As an exceptional scholar, clinician, and leader, Dr. Lowe was an essential member in the preeminent skin cancer programs at Michigan Medicine. She co-founded the cutaneous oncology biobank and was a co-investigator on nine federally funded grants resulting in an over \$11 million career aggregate portfolio. Her seminal work included novel treatment for melanoma (the “square” procedure) and early use of molecular profiling to evolve melanocytic neoplasia paradigms. She identified melanoma pathologic prognostic factors and established guidelines for assessment of sentinel nodes. She advanced the histologic evaluation of Merkel cell carcinoma and created the first histologic template to standardize data collection and better identify prognostic parameters. She co-authored over 200 scholarly publications and delivered numerous keynote and named lectureships throughout the U.S. and abroad. She served as section editor on influential editorial boards. She was a founding member of the International Melanoma Pathology Study Group (2009-2026). Dr. Lowe received numerous honors for her work, such as the University of Michigan Outstanding Clinician of the Year Award (2013), induction into the University of Michigan League of Clinical Excellence (2015), the American Society of Dermatopathology Walter Nickel Teaching Award (2013), induction into the American Dermatologic Association (2020), and the American Society of Dermatopathology Elson B. Helwig Lectureship (2025) for excellence in diagnostic dermatopathology and significant contributions to the field. She was an invaluable mentor and teacher to learners and colleagues at Michigan Medicine and throughout the country.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Lori Lowe, professor emerita of pathology and professor emerita of dermatology.**

Requested by:



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