

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Varsha Mehta, Pharm.D., M.S., clinical professor of pharmacy in the College of Pharmacy and clinical professor of pediatrics in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on February 26, 2021.

Professor Mehta received her B.S. in pharmacy and M.S. in medicinal chemistry degrees from Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India in 1977 and 1979, respectively. She worked as a staff pharmacist at Charring Cross Hospital, London, U.K. (1982-85) before completing her Pharm.D. degree at the University of Cincinnati in 1987. She completed a two-year fellowship at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in 1989, at which time she joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy and clinical pharmacist. She was promoted to clinical associate professor in 1997, and the Medical School appointed her as a clinical associate professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in 2002. Professor Mehta completed her M.S. degree in clinical research design and statistical analysis at the University of Michigan in 2007. She was promoted to clinical professor of pharmacy and clinical professor of pediatrics and communicable diseases in 2012.

Professor Mehta was a national and international leader in the field of pediatric pharmacy. Her career was devoted to the care of newborn infants, the education of new generations of pharmacists, and the advancement of knowledge in the area of safe and effective drug therapies in pediatric and neonatal patients, with a special emphasis on clinical trials and pragmatic study designs evaluating pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and clinical outcomes using population methods. She was an active member of various international and national organizations, including leadership roles and research collaborations. She served on the editorial board of two prestigious journals and has served as the associate editor of another. She shared her expertise as a peer reviewer for many national and international pediatric scientific journals and delivered several international and national scientific presentations. Professor Mehta was elected a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) in 1999, and in 2020, she was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Pediatrics Practice and Research Network of the ACCP for her outstanding and sustained contributions to practice, education, research, and service, as well as the advocacy of pediatric pharmacy.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Varsha Mehta, clinical professor emerita of pharmacy and clinical professor emerita of pediatrics.**

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