

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

Hope K. Haefner, M.D., Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, with tenure, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, is recommended for promotion to Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, with tenure, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

M.D.	1985	University of Michigan
B.S.	1980	University of Michigan

Professional Record:

1999-Present	Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan
1993-1999	Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan
1991-1993	Lecturer, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Hope Haefner has had a particular interest and aptitude for teaching since she started residency at the University of Michigan Hospitals in 1985. She regularly participates in the educational activities of our house officers and medical students in the operating room and outpatient clinics. In addition, she is involved in the house officer and medical student didactic sessions on a regular basis. She serves as a third-year medical student mentor during their Ob/Gyn clerkships. Dr. Haefner is well known for her moving lecture entitled "Exploring Illness Through the Patient: A Sensory Journey" given to the medical students from 2004 through 2005. Dr. Haefner spent two hours each rotation working through a patient's various illnesses and interacting with the medical students through each medical and ethical dilemma that occurred with this patient. She received outstanding evaluations for promoting humanism in medicine. Her overall rating was 4.75 on a scale of 5 (faculty mean 4.06). She has taught undergraduate students research techniques, including extensive data collection. Dr. Haefner served as residency program director from 1999 to 2003, during which time she was involved in teaching residents and helping them work through their daily problems. She also has been working extensively with postgraduate students with special interest in vulvovaginal conditions. Many students and colleagues travel long distances to her clinic to observe her patient interaction and education skills. She lectures extensively, nationally and internationally, on vulvovaginal diseases and receives outstanding evaluations. She has a special ability to involve the audience with audience interaction lectures. In recognition of her involvement in resident education, Dr. Haefner received the CREOG (Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology)

teaching award, as well as the venerable Silver Speculum award. Dr. Haefner also has a special interest in patient education and has served as the director of the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP) Patient Education Committee. She also works closely with the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease (ISSVD) directing their website and reviewing all of the patient education handouts prior to posting them onto the website.

Research: Dr. Haefner is nationally and internationally recognized for her research in the area of vulvovaginal disease. Her landmark work, including publications on vulvar vestibulitis and vulvodynia has been published widely and she has been invited to present the results of her research at prestigious national and international meetings. She was invited to present the 2005 Herman L. Gardner Memorial Lecture at Baylor College of Medicine and had been invited as a visiting professor at Tripler Army Medical Center for a week in February, 2006. Her very first paper was on a patient with androgen insensitivity syndrome who developed vulvar cancer. She has a particular interest in the non-neoplastic epithelial conditions of the vulva as well as vulvodynia. She also has done extensive research on vulvar histopathology. She has over 50 peer reviewed publications. Her most recent vulvodynia publication, The Vulvodynia Guideline was a remarkable collaborative accomplishment. Dr. Haefner worked together with a total of 14 authors and two critical reviewers to develop the first guideline for the diagnosis and management of vulvodynia. It has been cited and accessed countless times since its publication in January, 2005. Her most recent research funding has been on vulvodynia. She and Dr. Barbara Reed recently completed a NIH study that investigated the neuroimmunology/cytokine Alterations in Vulvodynia. They currently have \$703,469.00 to investigate the characterization of pain processing in vulvodynia. She recently was the editor for *Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology* (December, 2005). The international recognition is obvious with the list of authors she was able to work with on the publication, ranging from Australia, to Europe to the United States. She has also done research with a physician in Africa.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Haefner HK, Collins ME, Davis GD et al: The Vulvodynia Guideline. *J Lower Gen Tract Dis* 9:40-51, 2005.

Reed BD, Crawford S, Couper M, Cave C, Haefner HK: Pain at the vulvar vestibule: A web-based survey. *J Lower Gen Tract Dis* 8:48-57, 2004.

Reed BD, Gorenflo DW, Haefner HK: Generalized vulvar dysesthesia versus vestibulodynia — are these distinct diagnoses? *J Reprod Med* 48:858-864, 2003.

Reed BD, Advincula AP, Fonde KR, Gorenflo DW, Haefner HK: Sexual activities and attitudes of women with vulvar dysesthesia. *Obstet Gynecol* 102:325–331, 2003.

Dalton VK, Haefner HK, Reed BD, Senapati S, Cook A: J Reprod Med. Victimization among patients with vulvar dysesthesia/vestibulodynia: Is there an increased prevalence? *J Reprod Med* 47:829-834, 2002.

Service: Dr. Haefner is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She achieved certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1993. Departmentally, she served as the Residency Program Director from 1999 to 2003. Dr. Haefner served as the guest editor for the Vulvar Disease Edition of *Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology*, is the associate editor for the *Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease*, serves on the editorial boards of *The Female Patient* and the *Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease*, and as an ad hoc reviewer for numerous peer review journals including the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Consultations in Primary Care*, *Journal of Reproductive Medicine*, *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*, and *Journal of Pain*. Dr. Haefner has served as an Examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology since 2001. She has been an active member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO), the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP), and the International Society for the Study of Vulvovaginal Disease for which she is currently serving as Assistant Secretary General. As a member of the ASCCP, she serves on the Subcommittee on Patient Education, Website Committee, Subcommittee on Resident Education, Mentorship Committee, Editorial Committee, and Program Committee. She is currently serving as Chair of the Committee on Continuing Medical Education for the ACOG.

Professional Work: Dr. Haefner is the Director of the University of Michigan Center for Vulvar Diseases in the Taubman Center. This subspecialty clinic was opened in 1993 and has grown significantly over the last twelve years. Patients travel from Australia, Turkey, and Europe to see her. It is a multidisciplinary clinic that considers the patient's needs at all times. National and international health care providers have visited the Center for Vulvar Diseases to gain knowledge and ideas to set up their own clinics. Dr. Haefner has helped them with patient education materials and surgical technique advice, and generated enthusiasm to help them reach their goals. Most recently, she has hosted a visiting Canadian professor for a month long period to optimize that person's knowledge base and help her to advance her career in vulvovaginal disease research, education, and treatment.

External Review:

Reviewer A: "...Dr. Haefner's expertise is recognized nationally and internationally. Her scholarship has greatly impacted the world of vulvology. She is now considered in the same league as the previous giants...in this field and in my opinion is now one of the foremost vulvologists in the United States."

Reviewer B: "Her proven scholarship and research, as well as her national and internationally recognized leadership in the area of vulvar and vaginal disease is recognized by all, and her contributions to education of physicians, residents, students, and patients is well recognized and appreciated by all."

Reviewer C: "Dr. Haefner is one of the most active and enthusiastic members of the ISSVD. She actively contributes at the biennial meetings and between meetings assists in promotion of the goals of the Society. She has been a driving force in the establishment and maintenance of our website."

Reviewer D: "I have had the pleasure of reviewing many of Dr. Haefner's educational efforts and I am impressed, not only with the volume of educational material that she produces, but equally importantly, with the quality of these products. They are always excellent and she is extremely skilled at delivering her lectures in a way that is uniformly applauded by the learner."

Reviewer E: "Dr. Haefner is unquestionably one of the best speakers in the area of lower genital tract disease that I have ever known....Her ratings from the 200-300 attendees are always all 'fives' and comments are only in superlatives."

Reviewer F: "She continually receives outstanding audience feedback ratings for the ASCCP's various continuing medical education courses. Hope recently published vulvodynia guidelines in the *Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease*. These guidelines are the most comprehensive available and serve as a wonderful reference document. Dr. Haefner is considered a scholar based on her educational skills. She is readily recognized by other educators in the same field throughout the world."

Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Haefner is a national and international leader in the area of women's lower genital tract disease. She can confidently be expected to further her research and clinical contributions enhancing her reputation and that of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the University of Michigan Health System. I am pleased to recommend her for promotion to Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



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