

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL  
DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY

Approved by the Regents  
May 15, 2008

Gary J. Faerber, M.D., Associate Professor of Urology, with tenure, Department of Urology, Medical School, is recommended for promotion to Professor of Urology, with tenure, Department of Urology, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

M.D.	1984	Temple University School of Medicine
B.S.	1980	Washington University

Professional Record:

1999-Present	Associate Professor of Urology, University of Michigan
1993-1999	Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Section of Urology, University of Michigan
1989-1993	Instructor, Department of Surgery, Section of Urology, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Faerber has been known as a committed and excellent teacher even since his residency days. He has amplified on this as a faculty member, winning the Silver Cystoscope teaching award from Urology residents in 1995 and 1996, being selected for and completing the Medical Education Scholars Program, and serving as residency education program director. In this latter capacity he has demonstrated a great commitment to our residents tirelessly tracking down faculty to complete their evaluations, counseling residents, restructuring the GME program, deploying the 80 hour a week mandate, and instilling education and evaluation competencies throughout the Department of Urology. In addition, he has led an effort to get approval for four residents a year (currently there are three) from the national authority, the Urology Residency Review Committee of the ACGME. Dr. Faerber's teaching efforts are further exemplified by his pages of CME activities and speaking invitations.

Research: Within his corpus of papers in peer reviewed journals, Dr. Faerber has produced 37 publications since his last promotion and 16 have been as first or last author, including two editorial comments. His writings span much of the gamut of urology with a focus on endourology and emerging work in pedagogic research, specifically a paper on core competency evaluation in graduate medical education. Dr. Faerber's work is typically conveyed in clinical teams and this work has changed clinical practice. He has produced 11 book chapters. More work is accepted or in submission and it is clear that he is far from standing still in terms of academic productivity. Over the years he has maintained a series of current and past small grants from federal, pharmaceutical, and internal sources and these are all related to the superb

clinical work that dominates his daily effort. Dr. Faerber's scholarly contributions are known nationally and internationally and have had an impact.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Rashid M, Konnak J, Wolf JS, Punch J, Magee JC, Arenas JD, Faerber GJ: Ex-vivo ureteroscopic treatment of calculi in donor kidneys at renal transplantation. *J Urol* 171: 58-60, 2004.

Nelson C, Wolf JS, Montie JE, Faerber GJ: Retrograde ureteroscopy in patients with orthotopic ileal neobladder urinary diversion. *J Urol* 170: 107-110, 2003.

Schuster TG, Russell KY, Bloom DA, Koo HP, and Faerber GJ: Ureteroscopy for the treatment of urolithiasis in children. *J of Urology* 167:1813-1816, April 2002.

Hollenbeck BK, Schuster TG, Faerber GJ, and JS Wolf, Jr: Routine placement of ureteral stents is unnecessary after ureteroscopy for urinary calculi. *Urology* 57(4) 639-643, 2001.

Clemens JQ, DeLancey JO, Faerber GJ, Westney OL, and McGuire EJ: Urinary tract erosions after synthetic pubovaginal slings: Diagnosis and management strategy. *Urology* 56(4) 589-595, 2000.

Service: Dr. Faerber has been a member of most professional organizations in urology appropriate to his career and has had organizational committee service and leadership on key regional venues, NIH workshops, and urolithiasis studies. He served as President of the Michigan Urological Society from 2002-2004. Internally, Dr. Faerber has served with distinction on internal departmental committees, ECCA, Medical School ACAPT Committee, and Faculty Senate activities. He received the Urology Outstanding Achievement Award in 2006 (to a large extent because of his organizational contributions) and was honored in 2007 by the Physician's Recognition Award through the U of M Hospital Systems. He is a member of the Medical School Internal Review Committee and has served as the Chair of the Graduate Medical Education Policy Review Committee for the institution.

Professional Work: Dr. Faerber is not only respected regionally and nationally as a "doctor's doctor but also as a urologist's urologist." Since 2001 he has been listed in the "Best Doctors in America" and, in 2007, was listed in Metro Detroit's Best Doctors Hour Detroit Magazine. Dr. Faerber's area of scholarly focus and clinical activities are in endourology, stone disease, and general urology. He has one of the largest experiences with endourologic treatment of renal calculi in the Midwest area, and probably the largest in the State of Michigan. He is part of the clinical bedrock of the Department of Urology and is a key divisional referral source. He sees patients in the Taubman Center and the Livonia Surgery Center. Additionally, he has served with the departmental team's periodic visits to Haiti for humanitarian surgical service.

External Review:

Reviewer A: “Dr. Faerber is considered a national leader in the fields of nephrolithiasis research and the clinical management of incontinence.... His insights into the management of stone disease are considered the foundations on which the Urologic community bases much of its clinical practice.”

Reviewer B: “His peers in Urology...have either reached the level of Professor at their given institutions or are in the midst of applying...He is a frequent participant in the World Congress of Endourology meetings both as a presenter and as faculty.”

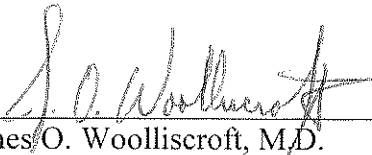
Reviewer C: “Dr. Faerber is recognized as a national expert in his clinical care and research in the management of female urinary incontinence. This is exemplified by the quality of his peer reviewed publications and his ongoing research in this area....Dr. Faerber is a conscientious teacher, scholar, and clinician who has achieved both local and national recognition for his dedication and expertise.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Faerber represents the type of urologist who we all covet in academic departments....I would love to be able to clone faculty members like Gary, because they fill a void in most academic practices....Without a doubt, Gary’s major strength comes with his educational skills. He has shown a commitment to diversity, given his long tenure as a Program Director at the University of Michigan....The experience of medical students on urology rotation at Michigan is excellent. In addition, the quality of residents training at the University of Michigan is noted by many across the country to be excellent and represents the top-tier training available in urology.”

Reviewer E: “More importantly, he has been well recognized as an outstanding residency program director and has published in regard to the competencies as they relate to urology as a discipline. I think this has been a particularly important contribution to urology on the national level.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Faerber is a superb urologist and an unsurpassed teacher and role model for medical students and residents, serving as departmental Residency Program Director since 2003. He is a crucial member of the urology team and I wholeheartedly recommend him for promotion to Professor in the Department of Urology.



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