

TENURE RECOMMENDATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
MEDICAL SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

Approved by the Regents
May 14, 2009

Jennifer J. Griggs, M.D., associate professor of internal medicine, without tenure, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School, is recommended for the granting of tenure to be held with her title of associate professor of internal medicine, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

M.P.H.	2000	University of Rochester
M.D.	1990	State University of New York at Buffalo, (<i>Magna cum laude</i>)
B.A.	1986	Mount Holyoke College (<i>Magna cum laude</i>)

Professional Record:

2006–present	Associate Professor, University of Michigan
2005–2006	Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry
2005–2006	Associate Professor, Department of Community & Preventive Medicine, University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry
2001–2004	Assistant Professor, Department of Community & Preventive Medicine, University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry
1998–2004	Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry
1997–1998	Senior Instructor, Department of Medicine, University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry
1994 - 1997	Instructor in Medicine, Hematology & Oncology, University of Rochester

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Griggs is the consummate educator. Despite having only 5% formal teaching effort, she is actively involved in teaching and mentoring at many levels. In the two years she has been at the University of Michigan, she already has mentored a number of undergraduates, medical students, residents, fellows and junior faculty. Her teaching support letters testify to Dr. Griggs' strong commitment to education and her talents as a mentor. She is uniformly cited for her outstanding presentations, her enthusiasm and effectiveness in her mentoring roles, and for being an excellent role model. Her involvement with junior faculty led to her recently being appointed as associate chief for the Division of Hematology/Oncology. Beyond her intramural educational activities, Dr. Griggs is also active in giving presentations to community physicians and health professionals, as well as patient groups and a wide variety of community organizations. At the national level, she is a member of the American Society of Clinical

Oncology Education Committee and serves as chair of one of the NCI Study Sections for Career Development Awards. Prior to her appointment at the University of Michigan, Dr. Griggs was the recipient of the Humanism in Medicine Award from the American Association of Medical Colleges and the Best Mentor Award from the University of Rochester Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program, as well as numerous other teaching awards.

Research: Dr. Griggs' research focuses on quality and cost effectiveness of care and patient-provider communication within the context of health disparities. She has 32 peer-reviewed publications with 14 as first or senior author, including two first author papers in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* in 2007. Her track record of extramural funding is outstanding; most recently she received a \$2.4-million NIH R01 to investigate disparities in the quality of breast cancer treatment and the effects on outcome. Recognition of Dr. Griggs' expertise is evident in her numerous invited presentations, extensive journal review and editorial work, and service on study sections, most recently as chair of the NCI Subcommittee J.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Greenman CG, Jagielski CH, Griggs JJ: Breast cancer adjuvant chemotherapy dosing in obese patients: Dissemination of information from clinical trials to clinical practice. *Cancer* 112:2159-2165, 2008.

Griggs JJ, Culakova E, Sorbero MS, Poniewierski MS, Wolff DA, Crawford J, Dale DC, Lyman GH: Social and racial differences in selection of breast cancer adjuvant chemotherapy regimens. *J Clin Oncol* 25:2522-2527, 2007.

Griggs JJ, Culakova E, Sorbero MS, van Ryn M, Poniewierski MS, Wolff DA, Crawford J, Dale DC, Lyman GH: The effect of patient socioeconomic status and body mass index on the quality of breast cancer adjuvant chemotherapy. *J Clin Oncol* 3:277-284, 2007.

Griggs JJ, Sorbero MS, Mallinger JB, Quinn ME, Waterman M, Brooks B, Yirinec BI, Shields CG. Vitality, mental health, and satisfaction with information after breast cancer. *Patient Educ Counsel* 66:58-66, 2007.

Griggs JJ, Sorbero MES, Lyman GH. Undertreatment of obese women receiving breast cancer chemotherapy. *Arch Intern Med* 165:1267-73, 2005.

Service: Dr. Griggs serves as one of two associate chiefs for the Division of Hematology/Oncology. At the national level, she is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology Education Committee, the NCI Patient Navigation Research Program Steering Committee, and serves as chair of the NCI Study Section Subcommittee J. Dr. Griggs' clinical practice focuses on the care of women with breast cancer in the Breast Oncology Practice, and she is also director of the Breast Cancer Survivorship Program, a patient care, research, and training program that provides high quality, evidence-based care to survivors of breast cancer. She has a strong commitment to high quality patient care, which is reflected both in her research and her compassion for her patients.

External Review:

Reviewer A: “It is obvious from Dr. Griggs’ materials that she has been a prolific scholar...I emphasize that the quality and quantity of work reported on her research vita at this point in her career, particularly given the demands of her clinical practice, are truly remarkable. ...She has steadily received academic and professional honors and awards throughout her career thus far....Dr. Griggs’ highly productive and well-rounded record places her in a most desirable and deserving position for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure...”

Reviewer B: “She has been the recipient of many grants including a PI on a recently awarded R01 focusing on the disparity in quality of breast cancer treatment and effects on outcome....She has really gone the extra mile in her commitment to diversity which is the main focus of her current and past research.”

Reviewer C: “She has developed a national reputation as an expert in breast cancer outcomes research, supported by an excellent publication record, consistent peer reviewed funding throughout her career, the recent award of an NIH R01 grant, and a national leadership position as chair of a critical NIH study section. Her record...reflects a strong commitment to education, training, and faculty career development.”

Reviewer D: “She is extraordinarily smart, extraordinarily hardworking, extraordinarily unassuming, and extraordinarily good at both bedside medicine and in the lab (in this case the health services research lab). She would easily be promoted here, and at almost all institutions across the US.”

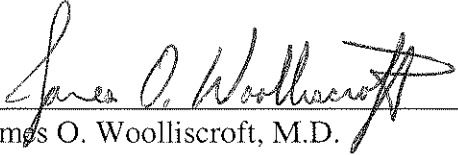
Reviewer E: “She has an expansive fund of knowledge in the basic and translational biology of breast cancer, in the issues surrounding the care of those patients, and in the health services issues surrounding breast cancer care in diverse populations...Her expertise clearly emanates from hands-on experience caring [for] patients with breast cancer and working in the area of health services research with a focus on this disease. Her publication and peer-review funding records attest to her leadership in these important areas.”

Reviewer F: “She has a superb record in obtaining extramural funding...Her publication record is excellent, with consistent peer-reviewed articles appearing in first-rate oncology journals. A review of her CV documents her heavy involvement in teaching, editorial activities, and hospital service.”

Reviewer G: “Dr. Griggs has made an important contribution to the literature, both in oncology—where she has expanded understanding about the factors affecting the treatment of breast cancer—and in the discipline of informed decision making...Based on her record of publication in peer-reviewed journals, her awards in competitive grants, her clinical and community service, and her contribution to education, Dr. Griggs would certainly qualify for this promotion at our institution.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Griggs is a highly productive and well-funded investigator who is widely regarded as a rising star in the area of oncology quality of care and health outcomes research. Not only is she well known for her scientific contributions, but she is also highly respected for her outstanding skills as a mentor and a clinician. Accordingly, Dr. Griggs is certainly a worthy candidate for the granting of tenure to be held with her title of associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James O. Woolliscroft", written over a horizontal line.

James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.

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Lyle C. Roll Professor of Medicine

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