

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

Vanessa K. Dalton, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, with tenure, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School, is recommended for promotion to professor of obstetrics and gynecology, with tenure, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

M.D.	1997	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
M.P.H.	1996	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
B.A.	1992	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Professional Record:

2012-present	Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan
2005-2012	Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan
2001-2005	Lecturer, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Dalton consistently participates in the educational activities of the medical students, house officers and family planning fellows in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Her clinical teaching includes both didactic sessions in a number of classroom settings as well as in the outpatient clinic and operating room. As the associate director of the Family Planning Fellowship Program, she has trained fellows and residents in contraception and abortion services for almost 15 years. Not only is she an excellent teacher but she is a superior role model. Her teaching evaluations have been uniformly exemplary and comments from medical students and house officers have included: "Dr. Dalton was a fantastic faculty member to work with who took a very active interest in medical student learning...Good teacher, excited about her work and having students there...Really enjoyed working with Dr. Dalton, she is a great clinician and clearly invested in teaching her students." Internationally, she has worked for many years in Ghana and Ethiopia through institutional partnerships to build post-graduate training programs in women's health with a particular focus on building family planning services. She led the development of the first African fellowship training program in contraception and abortion that is now overseen by the Ghana Health Service. In Ethiopia, she has worked with the Center for International Reproductive Health Training (CIRHT) to establish a post-graduate training program in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College in Addis Ababa. She is currently working with our

Ethiopian partners to establish a certification process to award hospitals as Center of Excellence in Reproductive Health in Ethiopia.

Research: Dr. Dalton's research has historically focused on women's reproductive health services and currently focuses on the impact of cost sharing and/or benefit design on health care utilization. She serves as the principal investigator on a R01 funded project examining the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on contraception use and total medical expenditures. Another area of her research examines the impact of reimbursement policy for immediate post-partum contraception, and the relationship between cervical cancer screening patterns and receipt of other preventive reproductive health services. She is currently a co-investigator and mentor on two projects aimed at supporting policy and practice change. The first project seeks to change the current pregnancy reimbursement structure to cover delivery of contraceptive devices immediately after birth. In response to a new Michigan law, Dr. Dalton is developing, implementing, and evaluating a new clinical process that allows providers to treat the sexual partners of their patients diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection. This practice has the potential to decrease reinfection rates and subsequent complications, such as infertility. Working with various groups nationally, she assisted in the development of training resources for institutions and providers which resulted in her leading the development and approval of the recent Practice Guideline of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' "Management of Early Pregnancy Loss." She serves as the director of the International Family Planning Fellowship Program, which established a two-year post-graduate training program in family planning in Ghana and supports projects aimed at increasing the quality of reproductive health services in Ghana. She has received several other internal and external grants to support her global work.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Dalton VK, Liang A, Hutton DW, Zochowski MK, Fendrick AM: Beyond usual care: the economic consequences of expanding treatment options in early pregnancy loss. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 212:177.e1-6, 2015.

Pace LE, Dusetzina SB, Fendrick AM, Keating NL, Dalton VK: The impact of out-of-pocket costs on the use of intrauterine contraception among women with employer-sponsored insurance. *Med Care* 51:959-963, 2013.

DeNoble AE, Hall KS, Xu X, Zochowski MK, Piehl K, Dalton VK: Contraceptive services in women with chronic disease: An analysis of administrative claims data from commercially insured women in Michigan, 2004-2009. *Obstet Gynecol* 123:1213-1220, 2014.

Hall KS, Patton EW, Crissman HP, Zochowski MK, Dalton VK: A population-based study of U.S. women's preferred versus usual sources of reproductive health care. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 213:352.e1-352.e14, 2015.

Vinekar K, Hall KS, Vahratian A, West B, Caldwell A, Bell J, Dalton VK: Cervical cancer screening, pelvic examinations and associated reproductive health service utilization among adolescent females aged 15-20 years; An Analysis of the National Survey of Family Growth, 2006-10. *Jour of Adolescent Health*. 2015; S1054-139X(15)00156-1[Epub ahead of print]

Service: Within the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Dalton serves as the associate chair for research and the director of the Program on Women's Healthcare Effectiveness Research (PWHER) which is a health services research program that aims to improve the effectiveness of women's healthcare through research on women's health services with a particular focus on services for diseases, disorders and conditions that predominately affect women's reproductive health. Dr. Dalton provides leadership for the members, directs training activities, and is largely responsible for the mission of the program. She also serves as the associate director of the Family Planning Fellowship Program and the associate director for resident research. In this role, she assists residents in the development of their ideas and project and serves as a mentor throughout the process. Dr. Dalton is the medical director for Planned Parenthood of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan and she currently serves on the Governor's Blueprint for Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy for the Michigan Department of Community Health Provider Task Force. Nationally, she serves on the Patient Safety Committee for the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and was the ACOG representative on several national committees related to the Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP) and the National Quality Forum. Working with these groups, she contributed to the development and testing of several performance measures related to surgical care. She is an active member of the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health and the Society of Family Planning. In addition, she is an ad hoc reviewer for numerous peer-review journals including *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *American Journal of Public Health*, and *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics*. Dr. Dalton's clinical focus is in family planning and abortion services. She directs the high-risk family planning and contraception clinic and consultative services.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "Dr. Dalton's accomplishments since her appointment to Associate Professor in 2012 has been notable. The most impressive is the funding of an AHCRQ U15 grant 'Impact of no cost contraception on utilization and direct medical expenditures' for which she is the Principal Investigator....Dr. Dalton has also had significant responsibilities for 14 other family planning related grants that advanced training and science. Notable is the number of publications since promotion to Associate Professor. As expected Dr. Dalton is a peer reviewer for several of the important journals in women's health care and family planning."

Reviewer B: "Dr. Dalton has made important contributions to understanding service delivery, economic and social norms and how we can improve reproductive health care broadly as a society....Dr. Dalton has also demonstrated national recognition of her

activities through her continued service on national committees to improve healthcare including the National Quality Forum, the Joint Commission and the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology.”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Dalton is an outstanding advocate for women’s health. I am very impressed with the quality, quantity, and scholarly impact of her work, and I fully support her promotion...She is an educational leader in the family planning community and a leader of the Family Planning Fellowship at the University of Michigan....Dr. Dalton has an international reputation, as evidenced by her presentations in diverse countries including Sweden and Ghana. She was also a visiting professor in Sweden.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Dalton’s academic, administrative and clinical appointments reflect her senior leadership in the field. She continues to serve as Director, Program on Women’s Health Care Effectiveness Research in the Department and, since her promotion in 2012, has also become the Associate Director for Resident Research in the Department and Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of Michigan.”

Reviewer E: “She has made substantial contributions to the ACOG Practice Bulletins for gynecologic infections and contraception, work that guides the practice of surgeons throughout the United States and world....It is clear that Dr. Dalton continues to expand the breadth of her contributions to the field, with a particular emphasis on health disparities and service to the poor.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Dalton’s research has changed United States practice around early pregnancy failure. She has developed a national and international reputation for her research and teaching in family planning and women’s access to health services. I am pleased to recommend Vanessa K. Dalton, M.D. for promotion to professor of obstetrics and gynecology, with tenure, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Medical School.



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