

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
MEDICAL SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE

Julie A. Wright, M.D., assistant professor of internal medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

M.P.H.	2010	Vanderbilt University
M.D.	2004	Wayne State University
B.S.	1990	University of Michigan

Professional Record:

2012 – Present	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan
2011 – 2012	Clinical Lecturer of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Wright is involved in many varied teaching activities, including curriculum development, mentoring, and patient education. She teaches fellows, residents and medical students in her clinics and developed and delivered teaching for the Nephrology fellows on Quality Improvement and Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease. She has developed and delivered continuing medical education courses for the divisions of nephrology and general medicine every year since 2011. Dr. Wright has been the primary research mentor for five fellows and one post-doctorate fellow and each of her mentees has either published their research in abstract form and presented their findings in national forums or has written a manuscript based on their work. In 2016, she led the development of a two-hour high school science curriculum focused on kidney education and chronic kidney disease prevention. She delivered this curriculum with one of her nephrology colleagues to high school students at Cody High School in Detroit, one of the highest risk areas for renal failure in the state of Michigan. The program was so well received, that they were invited to repeat the program which is now taught by a high school teacher at Cody. Dr. Wright coordinated the opportunity for these same students to tour the Nephrology Division at the University of Michigan for the past two years and believes that the program not only provides education for high-risk youth, but promotes a pipeline of future doctors, researchers, and academicians.

Research: Dr. Wright's primary focus is on clinical research in the area of chronic kidney disease and its prevention along with the development of methods and tools to help facilitate and optimize patient-provider communication and improve quality in kidney disease care. She has had an excellent record of funding for her research and currently serves as a principal investigator on a National Institutes of Health R01 grant focused on improving outcomes in kidney disease using systems-driven education and coaching. Dr. Wright gained funding through a Michigan Institute for Clinical Health and Research translational pilot grant to study improving health behavior and supporting kidney health literacy in kids to prevent kidney disease. She has published more than

25 peer-reviewed articles, many in high impact journals in her field. Dr. Wright's expertise is evidenced by 21 invited presentations regionally and nationally.

Recent and Signification Publications:

Singh K, Diamantidis CJ, Ramani S, Bhavsar NA, Mara P, Warner J, Rodriguez J, Wang T, Wright Nunes J: Patients' and Nephrologists' Evaluation of Patient-Facing Smartphone Apps for CKD. *Clin J Am Soc Nephrol*. Apr 5;14(4):523-529, 2019.

Tiu, H, Fagerlin A, Roney M, Kerr E, Ojo A, Rothman E, Nunes JW: Provider perspectives on chronic kidney disease diagnosis delivery. *Clin Nephrol*. Mar; 89(3):205-213, 2018.

Rao PS, Wright Nunes JA, Gillespie BW, Perlman RL, Ravichandran R: Education and screening for chronic kidney disease in Indian youth: pilot program results. *Int J Nephrol Renovasc Dis*. Apr 24;10:85-90, 2017.

Wright Nunes J, Roney M, Kerr E, Ojo A, Fagerlin A: A diagnosis of chronic kidney disease: despite fears patients want to know early. *Clin Nephrol*. Aug;86(2):78-86, 2016.

Wright Nunes J, Greene JH, Wallston K, Eden S, Shintani A, Elasy T, Rothman RL, Ikizler TA, Cavanaugh KL: Pilot study of a physician-delivered education tool to increase patient knowledge about CKD. *Am J Kidney Dis*. Jul;62(1):23-32, 2013.

Service: Dr. Wright is a dedicated provider of care for her patients. She serves on the consultative services for both the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System and Michigan Medicine, and cares for patients in two clinics, general nephrology and a multi-disciplinary chronic kidney disease clinic. This multi-disciplinary clinic provided Dr. Wright with a unique opportunity for collaborative clinical and research efforts with her co-workers and has helped inspire a health systems component in her current research. She is an interviewer for the nephrology fellowship program and the internal medicine residency program and sits on numerous patient safety and quality improvement committees within the Division of Nephrology. Nationally, Dr. Wright serves in numerous capacities for the American Kidney Fund, including chairing their Medical Advisory Committee, serving as the vice chair of the Clinical Scientist in Nephrology Selection Committee, serving on their Board of Trustees, and chairing their Kidney Education and Outreach committee.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: "...I think highly of her work and I think that her area of health-service research is gaining increasing recognition because of its practical importance in public health...I would judge that she is well qualified for promotion to Associate Professor in the Instructional Track and the award of tenure."

Reviewer B: "Compared to others working in this discipline, and at the early/mid-career stage, she is among the most accomplished and well-recognized, which is demonstrated by the 10 invited national lectures she has given since finishing nephrology fellowship...Given her scholarly contributions, grant funding, national recognition, and years at rank, I am confident that Dr. Wright Nunes would be promoted to associate professor were she on faculty at [my institution]."

Reviewer C: “Dr. Wright-Nunes is an ideal candidate for promotion in the instructional track with a tenure position at the associate professor level...I have seen Wright-Nunes’ career progress at a rapid rate since I met her around 2010. Her innovative approach to patient education, including the creation of valid tools to measure knowledge, got our attention. In fact, we have used Wight-Nunes [sic] tool at our STARx (Self-management and Transition to Adulthood with Rx=prescriptions) Program at [my institution].”

Reviewer D: “With respect to her standing to her peer group, I feel confident that Dr. Wright Nunes is considered one of the leaders in the field related to enhancing patient education and self-management. Her overall regard in this area is consistent with her relatively early trajectory as an independent investigator, and she measures up well with other investigators at her level of training in this area...Dr. Wright Nunes has developed a truly solid record, particularly with respect to her contributions to research and education. This has led to her recognition as a national leader in the fields of CKD education and self-management.”

Reviewer E: “During an era of sparse knowledge of kidney diseases amongst the general population, Dr. Wright has endeavored to understand these knowledge gaps and create innovative materials and approaches to address them...Dr. Wright realized that effective care to prevent and treat kidney diseases would require optimization of patient-provider communication...She has published this scholarly work in top-tier clinical journals within nephrology and presented her work at national meetings...I fully believe that Dr. Wright will continue to build on an already highly successful career as a physician-scientist.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Wright is an interdisciplinary collaborator who has gained national recognition in developing patient-centered education tools to enhance physician engagement and patient knowledge on kidney health and chronic kidney disease. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend Julie A. Wright, M.D. for promotion to associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School.



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