

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

Megan A. Adams, M.D., J.D., M.S., 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.S.	2015	University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School, Ann Arbor, MI
M.D.	2009	University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
J.D.	2001	Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR
B.A.	1998	Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Professional Record:

2018-present	Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, University of Michigan
2015-2018	Clinical Lecturer, Department of Internal Medicine, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Adams is a clinician scientist and is responsible for the bedside teaching of learners at all levels. She is a core faculty member of the clinical T32 Fellowship training program and is the associate program director of the Gastrointestinal (GI) Fellowship Program at the University of Michigan, and GI fellowship site director at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (VAAHS), a key role in the training of future gastroenterologists. She regularly presents at grand rounds and gives curriculum lectures for first-year fellows. She participates in the revisions of fellowship curriculum and ensuring fellow support and assessment. Teaching evaluations are very good to excellent and she is praised for her commitment to patients, advocacy, and teaching. Learners include residents, clinical fellows, and post-doctoral fellows. Her mentees have done quite well with regard to publishing and recognition.

Research: Dr. Adams' research focuses on promoting appropriate use of healthcare resources and optimizing specialty care access, quality, and value across diverse care settings. Specifically, her work targets the appraisal of the efficiency and quality of care and the appropriateness of resource utilization in gastroenterology particularly in the area of endoscopy and the sedation that accompanies the procedure. Her work has been highly regarded nationally as evidenced by extramural funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Veterans Affairs (VA), and institutional and foundation awards. Her current funding as the principal investigator includes a large VA Merit Award (R01-equivalent), an additional VA Merit Award, and as co-investigator on an NIH T32 and a VA Merit Award. She has authored 44 peer reviewed manuscripts in important journals such as the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, *Addiction*, and *Gastroenterology*. She has been invited on 16 occasions to present her work nationally. She was recognized for her work with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Clinical Research, and the

Presidential Poster Award from the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), and was named an ACG Research Scholar.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Adams MA, Kerr EA, Gao Y, Saini SD, “Impacts of COVID-19 on appropriate use of screening colonoscopy in a large integrated healthcare delivery system,” *J Gen Intern Med.* 38(11):2577-83, 08/2023. PM37231209

Dodge J, Youles B, Caldararo J, Sears E, Caverly T, Ho M, Shimada S, Kaboli P, Albright K, Robinson S, McNeal D, Damschroder L, Saini SD, Adams MA, “Engaging operational partners is critical for successful implementation of research products: a coincidence analysis of access-related projects in the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System,” *J Gen Intern Med.* 38 (Suppl 3):923-930, 07/2023. PM3734026

Adams MA, Kerr EA, Dominitz JA, Gao Y, Yankey N, May FP, Mafi J, Saini SD, “Development and validation of a new ICD-10-based screening colonoscopy overuse measure in a large integrated healthcare system: a retrospective observational study,” *BMJ Qual Saf.* 32(7):414-424, 7/2023. PM36192148

Adams MA, Saini SD, Gao Y, Wiitala WL, Rubenstein JH, “Endoscopist-directed sedation rarely fails: implications for the value of anesthesia assistance for routine GI endoscopy,” *Am J Manag Care.* 27(12): E413- E419, 12/2021. PM34889583

Adams MA, Rubenstein JH, Lipson R, Holleman R, Saini SD, “Trends in wait time for outpatient colonoscopy in the Veterans Health Administration, 2008–2015,” *J Gen Intern Med.* 35(6): 1776-1782, 06/2020. PM32212093

Service: Dr. Adams has a strong institutional and national service record. Nationally, she serves on several committees for the American Gastroenterology Association, where she holds leadership positions as the chair and co-chair such as the Ethics and Audit committees. She serves as the co-chair for the Core Quality Measures Collaborative (CQMC) Gastroenterology Workgroup for the National Quality Foundation/America’s Health Insurance Plans/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Dr. Adams serves as an ad hoc grant reviewer for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and VA study sections. She is the editor-in-chief of *GI Hepatology and News* and is an ad hoc reviewer for several scientific journals including *JAMA Internal Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, and *Gastroenterology*. Institutionally, Dr. Adams serves as a member of the Research Advisory Council and the Educational Curriculum Task Force in the Division of Gastroenterology.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “In terms of teaching, she has made a significant contribution to the educational missions of [the] University of Michigan as Core Faculty, UM GI Clinical T32 Fellowship Training Program, GI Fellowship Site Director, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the Associate Program Director, GI Fellowship Program, University of Michigan Medical School. She also leads an application for T32 Clinical Research in Digestive Diseases (CRDD) Training Program. She has mentored numerous trainees at varying levels including residents, GI fellows, and post-doctoral fellows. She has taught at the medical school including serving as 3rd year medical school course leader and extensively for the GI fellowship curriculum. Her contributions to teaching well exceed expectations...”

Reviewer B: “She has leveraged her training and educational background in medicine, GI, jurisprudence, and health policy to lead unique scholarly work, and make unique contributions to teaching, research, and service at institutional and national levels.”

Reviewer C: “Dr. Adams’s [sic] service to the community provides further evidence that she is a recognized leader in gastroenterology. She is a highly valued member of the AGA, having chaired multiple committees... Impressively, she subsequently chaired the AGA’s Ethics Committee and the Audits Committee. In addition, she is [sic] newly appointed to the Finance & Operations Committee. It appears that Dr. Adams is being groomed as [sic] future member of the Governing Board and it would not surprise me to see her eventually ascend to the presidency of the AGA.”

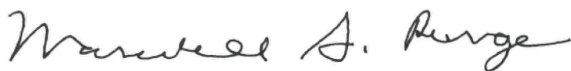
Reviewer D: “Her body of work has been impactful, and quite frankly, eye-opening to the GI community, which has overused colonoscopy in many areas. She has also published important work on role of anesthesia in endoscopy – which is a major driver of cost. Her scholarly work has a clear focus, has been impactful nationally and is outstanding.”

Reviewer E: “Her track record of funding (that is continuous and growing) in combination with her impactful research publications are the strongest part of her portfolio. But she also has many examples of high impact teaching and service work that speaks to her strong national reputation within Gastroenterology.”

Reviewer F: “She has published extensively, received a Merit Award as PI, and received a very competitive ACG career development award. She is giving high profile talks, achieved a Presidential Plenary role at the ACG meeting, and is conducting innovative research.”

Summary of Recommendation:

Dr. Adams is a nationally recognized clinician-scientist in gastroenterology. She is an outstanding educator, clinician, and scholar who has made a significant by providing critical insights relating to the appropriate use of GI endoscopic resources and its drivers and how we can improve healthcare quality and value and optimize access by reducing low-value care. Therefore, I am pleased to recommend Megan A. Adams, M.D., J.D., M.S. for promotion to associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School.



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