

# The University of Michigan Regents Communication

## Request for Action

### Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

#### Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Terri D. Voepel-Lewis, Ph.D.**, professor of nursing in the School of Nursing and research professor, anesthesiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on May 24, 2026.

Professor Voepel-Lewis received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Michigan State University in 1980. She received her Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Philosophy in nursing degrees from the University of Michigan (UM) in 1988 and 2013, respectively. Professor Voepel-Lewis is a Registered Nurse (RN). She was appointed as an associate research scientist for the Department of Anesthesiology, Medical School in 2014. She was appointed as an associate professor with tenure in the School of Nursing on September 1, 2018. She was appointed as an research scientist in the Department of Anesthesiology, Medical School on September 1, 2018. She was promoted to professor with tenure in the School of Nursing and to research professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, Medical School in 2023.

Professor Voepel-Lewis has a sustained and impressive track record of research that advances the assessment and management of children's pain. Her program of research focuses on the development and testing of the reliability and validity of methods to assess pain, agitation, and depth of sedation in children who cannot self-report, safe and effective use of opioids in children in the hospital and home setting, and opioid safety and analgesic decision-making by parents in the home setting. The outcomes of this work have informed monitoring policies for children and influenced practice guidelines. The quality of her research is illustrated by her success in obtaining National Institutes of Health (NIH) level funding which involves the highest level of peer review. She regularly disseminates her research in peer-reviewed publications. She has provided more than 60 invited lectures on the subject of pain and safe opioid use within the university setting, regionally, nationally, and internationally. Additionally, she has provided mentorship for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as junior faculty for over twenty years. Her mentorship has, to date, focused on clinical research design and conduct and development of critical thinking skills. She has mentored more than 50 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) students. Professor Voepel Lewis is engaged in international work and regularly collaborates with international researchers.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Terri D. Voepel-Lewis, professor emerita of nursing and research professor emerita, anesthesiology.**

Requested by:

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**Jon Kinsey**

Vice President and Secretary of the University

May 2026