

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Anita H. Kirsch, M.D., clinical assistant professor of internal medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2021.

Dr. Kirsch received her B.A. (1984) and M.D. (1988) degrees from Wayne State University. She completed her postgraduate training in internal medicine at the University of Michigan in 1991, and also completed an additional year as chief resident at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in 1992. Dr. Kirsch completed a fellowship in rheumatology at the University of Michigan in 1995. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical instructor in 1995, and was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 2001.

In her role as outpatient clinician at the Brighton Health Center, Dr. Kirsch managed a complex panel of general internal medicine and rheumatology patients while maintaining excellent scores on multiple quality indicators and outstanding patient satisfaction scores as measured by the Press-Ganey instrument. She also served on the Ambulatory Care/Pharmacy Task Force in 2001. Dr. Kirsch has always been actively involved in teaching at both the medical school and residency level, resulting in excellent teaching scores. She was also involved in teaching medical students at the Student-Run Free Clinic, as well as the Introduction to the Patient M1 Exam and Comprehensive Clinical Assessment, where she taught history and physical exam skills. Her dedication to teaching was evidenced by her receiving a Community-Based Teaching Award from the American College of Physicians. In addition to teaching, Dr. Kirsch was involved in research focused on the therapeutic options for patients with autoimmune disease. This research led to three peer-reviewed publications and six abstracts. Dr. Kirsch has steadily grown her practice since joining the faculty in 1995. She made a significant impact on the clinical practice and educational programs at the Brighton Health Center and within the Department of Internal Medicine.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member for her dedicated service by naming **Anita H. Kirsch, clinical assistant professor emerita of internal medicine**.

Requested by:



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