

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Cosmas van de Ven, M.D.**, J. Robert Willson Collegiate Professor of Obstetrics and clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2022.

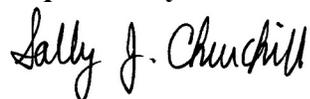
Dr. van de Ven completed medical school at the University of Leiden in The Netherlands in 1986. He moved to the United States to complete his obstetrics and gynecology residency at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and his maternal-fetal medicine fellowship at Duke University in 1993. Following his fellowship, Dr. van de Ven joined the University of Michigan's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology faculty as an assistant professor in 1993. He was appointed clinical assistant professor II in 1997, clinical associate professor II in 1999, clinical associate professor in 2001, and clinical professor in 2005. He served as director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine from 2003-20. He was named the J. Robert Willson Professor of Obstetrics in 2007.

Dr. van de Ven is a board-certified maternal-fetal medicine specialist and elite surgeon and physician who specializes in high-risk pregnant patients with preeclampsia and pregnancy induced hypertension. Dr. van de Ven has maintained a substantial clinical practice and is well known within the institution and throughout the state as an excellent consultant. Under his leadership, the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine has provided the highest quality care for women and children. Dr. van de Ven was instrumental in the plans to move and transition patient care to the Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital. Dr. van de Ven served as the medical director of the Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital from 1998-2019. Through his commitment to service, his clinical acumen, critical thinking, and work ethic, Dr. van de Ven has earned the respect of colleagues and patients.

Dr. van de Ven's research interests include pre-eclampsia, toxemia, vascular smooth muscle, and cytokines. He is a nationally recognized for his excellence in teaching and has mentored countless residents and fellows who are now academic leaders and superb clinicians across the country. He has won the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's Silver Speculum Award three times, the top departmental teaching award from graduating seniors, as well as numerous awards recognizing his excellence in patient care and teaching.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and surgeon by naming **Cosmas van de Ven, clinical professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology**.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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