

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Frances A. Farley, M.D.**, Robert N. Hensinger Collegiate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and professor of orthopaedic surgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 31, 2020.

Dr. Farley received her B.A. (1983) degree from Duke University and M.D. (1987) degree from the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University. She completed her general surgery internship (1987-88) and orthopaedic surgery residency (1988-92) at the University of Michigan and her pediatric orthopaedic surgery fellowship (1992-1993) at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, Texas. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1993, and was promoted to associate professor in 2002, and professor in 2010. She was named the Robert N. Hensinger Collegiate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery in 2012.

Dr. Farley held numerous key leadership roles in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, including chief of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery Service (2001-2018), founding program director of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Fellowship Program (2008-19), and vice chair for faculty affairs (2015-20). In addition to her leadership roles, Dr. Farley had a focused interest in congenital scoliosis. She successfully attained funding for her research projects and for a decade maintained an interdisciplinary program in congenital scoliosis and thoracic insufficiency. Dr. Farley received numerous awards and recognitions throughout her career, including the Pediatric Society of North America's (POSNA) Arthur Heune Award for Research in 2016. As chief of pediatric orthopaedics, she played an instrumental role in the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital designation as a top-ranked hospital for pediatric orthopaedics from 2011-18. She served as the treasurer of POSNA and on the editorial board of the *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics*. Dr. Farley was an outstanding mentor and advocate of medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty, providing both scientific and clinical career development, guidance, and support.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Frances A. Farley, professor emerita of orthopaedic surgery.**

**Requested by:**



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

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