

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Margaret Punch, M.D.**, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 11, 2022.

Dr. Punch obtained her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Michigan in 1986 as an Inteflex student. She completed her OBGYN residency at the University of Michigan in 1990 and served as chief resident during her fourth year. She joined the Division of Gynecology and became a member of the Faculty OBGYN Group as a clinical lecturer which transitioned to the Division of Women's Health in 2000. She was appointed a clinical assistant professor in 1996, and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 1999 and clinical professor in 2012. Dr. Punch served as the director of the Division of Women's Health from 2004-2019.

Dr. Punch is board-certified in OBGYN and was one of the first 1,000 physicians certified in the country in clinical informatics. She epitomizes a true academic generalist as a leader in all areas, while at the same time caring for her patients with compassion, dedication, and the absolute highest quality of care. Dr. Punch has created and led many initiatives including the Chronic Pelvic Pain Program, directed the M2 Reproductive Sequence, and served as the medical director for the Taubman OBGYN Clinic and associate chair for ambulatory care. She has served as the associate chief medical information officer for patient engagement at Michigan Medicine for the past 10 years and director for virtual care and MiChart optimization for the Department of OBGYN for the past three years. As the associate medical director for the UMMG she led the exponential growth in virtual care during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, preserving access to care for thousands of Michigan Medicine patients. In her role, she worked to bring healthcare providers and patients together in ways to support optimal healthcare and communication between patients, parents and providers.

Dr. Punch has published over 20 peer-reviewed publications and has given numerous lectures nationally and internationally on pelvic pain, developing women's health services, EPIC expertise, and virtual care. She has served on over 60 institutional committees and in every position she has served in, she has done so with great success and made major contributions to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the institution.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and surgeon by naming **Margaret Punch, clinical professor emerita 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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