Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Hedwig Seski Murphy, M.D., Ph.D., clinical associate professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on May 8, 2020.

Dr. Murphy received her B.A. (1970) degree from the Newton College of the Sacred Heart, her M.A. (1972) degree from The Johns Hopkins University, and her Ph.D. (1979) and M.D. (1990) degrees from Wayne State University. She served on the faculties of Wayne State University and Michigan State University. Dr. Murphy completed a senior postdoctoral research fellowship (1990-92) and anatomic pathology residency (1992-94) at the University of Michigan. She was board-certified in anatomic pathology, specializing in urologic pathology. At the University of Michigan, she held a number of appointments, including research investigator (1994-97), assistant professor (1997-2006), clinical assistant professor (2006-07), and clinical associate professor (2008-20).

At the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System’s Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Dr. Murphy served as a staff pathologist and head of the Anatomic Pathology Laboratory and established sections for immunohistochemistry and molecular diagnostics. She was a member of several international urologic pathology associations and served as a consultant to the Department of Urology. Dr. Murphy’s research laboratory was initially at the University of Michigan and subsequently at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, with national grant support for investigations into the role of vascular endothelial cells in a variety of disease models. Her research trainees included undergraduate and graduate students. Dr. Murphy’s clinical research focused on lung cancer in veteran patients and the role of pharmaceutical signal transduction inhibition in patient outcomes. During her career, Dr. Murphy authored several books and book chapters, published numerous peer-reviewed papers, and presented at national meetings. Dr. Murphy was extensively involved in teaching, establishing, and directing a course for graduate students. In addition, she taught medical student, dental student and graduate student courses as well as pathology and urology residents. She received the Medical School’s Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004. She was actively involved with the Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross for many years.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Hedwig Seski Murphy, clinical associate professor emerita of pathology.

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