Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Mark D. Pearlman, M.D., Robert K. Ferguson and Virginia A. Ferguson Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, and professor of surgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on April 2, 2020.

Dr. Pearlman received his B.S. (1979) degree from the University of Michigan and his M.D. (1984) degree from Michigan State University. At the conclusion of his residency in obstetrics and gynecology and his fellowship in infectious diseases, Dr. Pearlman joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1990, and was promoted to associate professor in 1997, and professor in 2002.

During Dr. Pearlman’s tenure at the University of Michigan, he served his patients and Michigan Medicine well as a dedicated clinician, researcher, and scholar. He served as the assistant chief of staff (2000-01), associate chief of staff (2001-18), and interim chief of staff (2006) in the Office of Clinical Affairs. He also served as the medical director (2009-18) in the Department of Pharmacy and vice chair (1999-2020), service chief (1999-2020), and interim chair (2017) of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In recognition of his significant accomplishments and service to Michigan Medicine, Dr. Pearlman received the Dean’s 2019 Outstanding Clinician Award. Within both his research and clinical work, Dr. Pearlman’s major interests in pregnancy and trauma, breast cancer, cancer genetics, and quality improvement have led to over 90 peer-reviewed publications, multiple national guidelines, numerous teaching awards, and over 100 invited national and international presentations. In the clinical realm, Dr. Pearlman began his work with the very earliest identification of cancer genes BRCA1 and BRCA2. Recognizing the importance of hereditary genes in cancer development, Dr. Pearlman’s clinical work focused nearly exclusively on managing women with BRCA and other cancer gene mutations. In 2008, Dr. Pearlman started the first Breast Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynecology in the nation.

The Regents now salute this distinguished clinician, scholar, and teacher by naming Mark D. Pearlman, professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology and professor emeritus of surgery.

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