

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
*Regents Communication*

**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Teresa A. Zwolan, Ph.D.**, clinical professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 31, 2021.

Professor Zwolan received her B.S. (1983) degree from Purdue University and her M.A. (1985) and Ph.D. (1989) degrees from Northwestern University. She joined Michigan Medicine in 1990 and served as coordinator of the Adult Cochlear Implant Program in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and was promoted to assistant research scientist in 1994, to clinical associate professor in 2000, and to clinical professor in 2009. She has served as director of the department's Cochlear Implant Program since 1994.

Professor Zwolan is an audiologist who has provided clinical care to children and adults with significant hearing loss throughout her career. She has contributed importantly to the improvement of clinical practice for children and adults with hearing loss through her clinical practice, research, and training and outreach activities. She has served as a principal investigator on an outreach grant (Sound Support) that provides support for professionals and children with hearing loss throughout the state of Michigan since 2004. She has served as an adjunct professor in Wayne State University's Au.D. Program since 2004, and as the course director for the Institute for Cochlear Implant Training Advanced Audiology course. She was co-founder of the American Cochlear Implant Alliance – a non-profit national organization comprised of more than 1,000 professionals who work in the field of cochlear implants. She served as the co-principal investigator for a National Coverage Determination (NCD) study approved by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to expand cochlear implant candidacy for adult CMS beneficiaries. She served as a member on the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) board that developed standards for cochlear implant medical instrumentation and has served on Michigan's Board of Audiology and Mental Health Advisory Council on Deafness.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Teresa A. Zwolan, clinical professor emerita of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery.**

**Requested by:**



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

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