THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Ben A. Dwamena, M.B., Ch.B., clinical associate professor of radiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2023.

Professor Dwamena obtained an M.B., Ch.B. degree from the University of Ghana Medical School (1988). After an internship/medical officer positions at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra, Ghana (1988-1991), he completed his internal medicine training at The Johns Hopkins University and the Morehouse School of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals (1991-1994). Dr. Dwamena completed a nuclear medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan (1994-1996), successfully competing for the Society of Nuclear Medicine’s prestigious Therapeutic Nuclear Medicine Research Award (1995). Dr. Dwamena joined the University of Michigan faculty as clinical instructor of radiology in 2000. He was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 2004 and clinical associate professor in 2012. For nearly a quarter of a century, he provided top-notch nuclear medicine care to America’s veterans at VA medical centers/clinics in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Dr. Dwamena was pivotal to the training of a generation of medical students, radiology residents and nuclear medicine fellows. He mentored scholars of the UM Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program. He was responsible for a unique annual series of lectures on evidence-based diagnostic imaging targeted to nuclear medicine fellows. Dr. Dwamena served, with a recognition of service award, as physician-scientist and disability/minority advocate on the Institutional Review Board.

Nationally, Dr. Dwamena was a member of the General Competency Panel for Diagnostic Radiology In-Training Examination, the Scientific Program Committee of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and the Health Services Research Committee of the Radiological Society of North America. He has held membership in the Society of Nuclear Medicine, the American College of Nuclear Medicine, the American College of Physicians, and the Radiological Society of North America (serving expertly as peer referee/journal reviewer for the Annals of Internal Medicine, the American Journal of Roentgenology, the Journal of American College of Radiology, and Radiology). His research focused on the development and application of methods and software for meta-analytical integration of diagnostic accuracy studies. His statistical software module, MIDAS, has been used in over 50% of all diagnostic meta-analyses published since 2007. Dr. Dwamena’s bibliography reflects experience with the whole gamut of scholarly writing; interdepartmental and international collaboration; publication/citation in high impact journals; and a broad, multidisciplinary subject matter.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher, scholar, and physician for his dedicated service by naming Ben A. Dwamena, clinical associate professor emeritus of radiology.

Requested by:

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