THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Shobha V. Malviya, M.B.B.S., professor of anesthesiology in the Medical School, retired from faculty status on July 31, 2023.

Professor Malviya received her medical training in 1981 from Topiwala National Medical College in India and completed an internship in pediatrics at Columbia University in New York. She went on to complete her residency in pediatrics at Case Western University. Subsequently, she was a resident in anesthesiology at the University of Michigan and a fellow in pediatric anesthesia at the University of Toronto. Professor Malviya joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1988, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1991, associate professor with tenure in 2000, and professor in 2007.

Professor Malviya served as the director of the pediatric pain service for six years and the director of pediatric anesthesia research for over 20 years. Together with her team, she was the first to identify a glaring disparity in how pain was managed in children who were cognitively impaired. Her team also developed clinical tools for assessment of pain intensity, sedation depth and anesthetic risk in children. Additionally, her team conducted randomized controlled trials of analgesics that facilitated FDA labeling of drugs for children. Professor Malviya served as president of the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia (SPA) from 2014-2016. In this role, she led an advocacy statement on behalf of several leading anesthesia societies on establishing the safety and efficacy of opioids at the FDA Advisory Committee on Opioids in Children. She participated in the organizing committee of the Congenital Cardiac Anesthesia Society and on the steering committee of the Women’s Empowerment and Leadership Initiative, both under the auspices of SPA. Professor Malviya received numerous honors for her body of work. Most notable among these is the Robert M. Smith Award, which she received in April 2022. This is the highest honor awarded to a pediatric anesthesiologist in the United States.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Shobha V. Malviya, professor emerita of anesthesiology.

Requested by: Sally J. Churchill, J.D.
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