

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

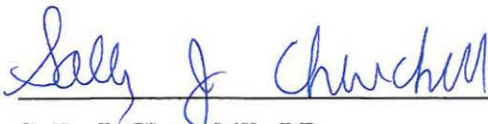
**Virginia S. Nelson, M.D., M.P.H.**, clinical professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2014.

Dr. Nelson received her A.B. and M.D. degrees from Stanford University in 1963 and 1970, respectively, and her M.P.H. degree from the University of Michigan in 1974. She completed her pediatric internship (1969-70) and pediatric residency (1970-71) at Stanford University. Dr. Nelson completed her physical medicine and rehabilitation residency at the University of Michigan in 1985 and held several positions before being appointed clinical instructor in 1986. She was promoted to clinical assistant professor in 1992, clinical associate professor in 1996, and clinical professor in 2002. Dr. Nelson also held additional appointments in the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases and the School of Public Health.

Dr. Nelson is a leader and innovator in the field of pediatric rehabilitation medicine, with special expertise in the treatment and care of patients with pediatric brachial plexus palsy, arthrogryposis, upper extremity problems, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries, myelodysplasia, traumatic brain injuries, and skeletal dysplasias. She also specialized in the rehabilitation of ventilator assisted children and adolescents. Dr. Nelson was actively involved in international pediatric rehabilitation medicine and volunteered to work with children with spina bifida in Africa. She published numerous articles in the leading peer-reviewed journals, authored 22 book chapters, and was a frequent invited speaker at national symposia. Dr. Nelson is a fellow of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Michigan Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She has received numerous honors including the American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation's Distinguished Clinician Award in 2009.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Virginia S. Nelson clinical professor emerita of physical medicine and rehabilitation.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**  
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