

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Barbara D. Reed, M.D., M.S.P.H.**, professor of family medicine in the Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2016.

Dr. Reed received her B.S. (1975) degree from Purdue University, her M.D. (1978) degree from Washington University in St. Louis, and her M.S.P.H. (1984) from the University of Utah. She completed a family practice residency (1978-81), a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Family Practice Faculty Development Fellowship (1981-83), and a faculty development fellowship in geriatrics (1987-88) at the University of Utah. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1989, and was promoted to associate professor in 1993, and professor in 2001.

An exceptional researcher, clinician, and teacher, Dr. Reed is a leader in the field of family medicine, with special expertise in women's health, the epidemiology and pathophysiology of vulvodynia, and recurrent vaginitis. She systematically developed a line of research in vulvovaginitis, which has progressed to innovative work in the area of vulvodynia, involving a novel psychoneuroimmunologic model for what is a disabling and perplexing problem of significant functional impact. She authored numerous peer-reviewed articles in the leading journals, has an extensive record of successfully obtaining research funding, and was a frequent invited speaker at national symposia. Dr. Reed also served as an ad hoc reviewer for many of the major academic family medicine journals, including the *American Journal of Public Health* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*, as well as an editorial board member of the *Archives of Family Medicine*. A superb teacher and mentor, she played an instrumental role in the training and development of a generation of medical students, residents, and fellows. In addition to her extensive research and teaching responsibilities, she maintained an active clinical practice and was nationally known as a resource for patients with complex health conditions.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member, academic leader, and scholar for her dedicated service by naming **Barbara D. Reed, professor emerita of family medicine**.

**Requested by:**



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

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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