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**ACTION REQUEST**

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

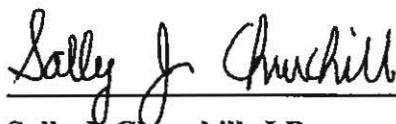
**Carolyn M. Johnston, M.D.**, clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on January 15, 2019.

Professor Johnston received her B.A. degree from Wesleyan University in 1980 and her M.D. degree from Yale University in 1984. She completed an obstetrics and gynecology internship (1984-85), an obstetrics and gynecology residency (1985-87), and served as the obstetrics and gynecology chief resident (1987-88) at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics. She also completed a gynecologic oncology fellowship (1988-90) at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in 1990, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1992. She was appointed clinical assistant professor in 1997, and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 1999, and clinical professor in 2008.

Dr. Johnston was instrumental in the teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows at both the University of Michigan and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in the area of gynecologic oncology. Her research focused on molecular markers in endometrial and ovarian carcinomas and clinical trials. She was widely recognized as an authoritative leader in the area of cervical cancer control in the state of Michigan. She was an HPV vaccination champion and served as the head of the cervical cancer committee for the Michigan Cancer Consortium. She authored 50 peer-reviewed publications of importance in the area of gynecologic oncology. Throughout her career, she has been active and held leadership roles within numerous subspecialty societies, including the Michigan Cancer Consortium, the American Cancer Society, the International Gynecologic Cancer Society, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, as well as serving as the principal investigator of the Gynecologic Oncology Group/NRG Oncology trials at the University of Michigan. Of special interest to her has been her teaching and mentorship for gynecology oncology fellowships in Kumasi, Ghana (Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital) and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Black Lion Hospital and St. Paul's Millennium Medical College). In recognition of her outstanding teaching, Dr. Johnston received the Silver Speculum Resident Teaching Award in 2013 and the Howard R. Williams Resident Teaching Award in 2000.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and teacher by naming **Carolyn M. Johnston, clinical professor emerita of obstetrics and gynecology**.

**Requested by:**



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