

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Anthony W. Opipari, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on November 30, 2019.

Professor Opipari received his B.S. degree from Wayne State University in 1986 and his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1994. He completed his internship (1994-95) and his residency (1995-98) in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Michigan. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1998, and was promoted to assistant professor in 2000, and associate professor in 2006.

An internationally respected physician-scientist, Dr. Opipari's research focused on the discovery of novel therapeutic approaches and the development of novel therapeutic agents that use immune regulation to treat cancers and immune-mediated diseases. He co-authored more than 60 peer-reviewed publications, published and was granted multiple patents, and served as the senior director of biology at Lycera, Inc., the chief medical officer at First Wave Biosciences, and the director of translational science and medicine at IFM Therapeutics. Dr. Opipari also held a number of leadership roles in the department, including chair of the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure; associate chair for research; and associate chair for faculty career development. Institutionally, he served on the Career Advisory Committee for the Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP). As part of long-term, interdisciplinary research collaborations with faculty members in a number of Medical School departments, Dr. Opipari mentored countless undergraduate and doctoral students, many of whom have gone on to successful academic careers. He received the Medical Student Teaching Award (2010) from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics and the Silver Speculum Resident Teaching Award (2017) from U-M obstetrics and gynecology residents.

The Regents now salute this distinguished clinician, scholar, and teacher by naming **Anthony W. Opipari, Jr., associate professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology**.

Requested by:



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