## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

## **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Daniela Wittmann, Ph.D., M.S.W.,** clinical associate professor of urology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2022.

Dr. Wittmann received her M.S.W. degree from Simmons College School of Social Work in 1978 and her Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in 2013. She joined the University of Michigan faculty in 2013 as a clinical assistant professor, and was promoted to clinical associate professor in 2018.

Dr. Wittmann is an eminent scholar in the fields of sexual health and quality of life in cancer survivorship. The focus of her scholarly work has been on building and testing interventions supporting survivors of prostate cancer and their partners. She has developed, with a multidisciplinary team, the Brandon Prostate Cancer Survivorship Program which provides evidence-based medical and psychosocial support for prostate cancer patients and their partners at the Rogel Cancer Center. The program is regarded as a model of care nationally. She has collaborated with the Movember Foundation on national and international projects. Her leadership in the development and testing of the TrueNTH Sexual Recovery Intervention has resulted in the availability of an online support program for prostate cancer survivors and their partners nationally through websites of the Rogel Cancer Center and the Emory University Winship Cancer Institute. It was adapted in the United Kingdom and is available there through the Prostate Cancer Foundation UK. As chair of the Movember International Sexual Recovery Work Group, Dr. Wittmann has coordinated a global effort to support prostate cancer survivors through the development of interventions. She has led an international team of experts in the completion of Guidelines for Sexual Health Care for Prostate Cancer Patients: Recommendations of an International Panel. She has developed, with international colleagues, educational programs on sexual health in Kenya and East Africa. Dr. Wittmann is a faculty member in the Michigan Medicine and Stanford University Mixed Methods Research Programs. Her teaching and mentorship in sexual health, in research methods and in manuscript writing has benefited many medical students, residents, fellows, graduate students and junior faculty at the University of Michigan and beyond. She has presented her research nationally and internationally. She has written more than 90 peer-reviewed articles and 9 book chapters. She served on the Board of Directors and is the chair of the Oncosexology Committee of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America and chair of the Ethics Committee of the International Society for Sexual Medicine. She is an associate editor of the Journal of Sexual Medicine.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Daniela Wittmann**, clinical associate professor emerita of urology.

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