

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Gregory Christman, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on February 28, 2013.

Dr. Christman received his M.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin Medical School (1983) and completed his OB/GYN residency at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics (1987). He then completed a T32 NIH Clinical Research Training Fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at the University of Michigan's Reproductive Sciences Program. During this time, he completed an NIH study regarding the effectiveness of estradiol and progesterone in slowing rapid GnRH pulsatility in women with polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS). This study led to the landmark discovery that women with PCOS had an intrinsic inability to slow down hypothalamic GnRH pulse frequency when presented physiologic luteal levels of steroids.

Dr. Christman completed his Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) fellowship at the University of North Carolina then joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1992 as an assistant professor where he received the Berlex Scholar Award for Basic Science Research in 1993. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2002. Dr. Christman is board-certified in REI and has research interests in translational studies to improve the care of women with endometriosis, leiomyomas, anovulation and infertility. In 1996, he was appointed as an assistant research scientist (now research assistant professor) in the Reproductive Sciences Program where he served through 2012. Dr. Christman also served as program director of the Assisted Reproductive Technology Program from 2006-2008.

Dr. Christman has over 50 peer reviewed publications in prominent journals. In 1998, he served as a co-investigator on an NIH multicenter project looking at the safety of oral contraceptives in women with systemic lupus erythematosus. In 2010, he was a co-investigator on a multicenter case-control clinical trial looking at the ability of GnRH agonists to protect the ovary from the toxic effects of alkylating chemotherapy.

Dr. Christman has served as an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology since 2005 and received the UM League of Research Excellence Award in 2011.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and physician by naming **Gregory Christman, associate professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology**.

Requested by:



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