THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Leslie B. Aldrich, M.D., clinical associate professor of internal medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on January 2, 2024.

Dr. Aldrich earned her M.D. degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois in 1982. She then completed her internal medicine internship and residency in 1985 at the University of Michigan Medical Center. She also completed fellowships in endocrinology and metabolism, and gastroenterology at the University of Michigan before joining the faculty as an instructor in the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Aldrich was appointed as an instructor in 1988, clinical instructor in 1989, and subsequently to clinical assistant professor in 1993. She was then promoted to her current role as clinical associate professor in 2022. Dr. Aldrich has also served in multiple administrative appointments for Michigan Medicine, including most recently as the Division of Gastroenterology service chief (2020-present), associate chief of clinical operations for UMMG (2019-present), and medical director of the East Ann Arbor Ambulatory Surgery and Medical Procedure Center (2005-2019).

Dr. Aldrich has proven herself to be an extraordinary physician and leader who has provided operational leadership related to all clinical processes, systems, and practices focused on improving safety, quality, timeliness, and financial stewardship. Dr. Aldrich's work in quality health improvement was formally recognized in 2019 when she was inducted into the Department of Internal Medicine's Clinical Excellence Society. With respect to her research, Dr. Aldrich has focused on gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Additionally, she has concentrated on healthcare delivery and team-based gastroenterology practice with advanced practice providers. Her work in this field has had a substantial, national impact on directing gastroenterology care delivery in the U.S. healthcare system. She has published multiple book chapters, 11 peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals, and is a sought-after presenter.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Leslie B. Aldrich, clinical associate professor emerita of internal medicine.

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