THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Susan G. Urba, M.D., professor of internal medicine and professor of otolaryngology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on July 7, 2019.

Dr. Urban received her B.S. (1974) degree from the University of Detroit, her B.S. (1978) degree from the Mercy College of Detroit, and her M.D. (1983) degree from the University of Michigan. She completed her internal medicine residency (1983-86) and her oncology fellowship (1986-88) at the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a lecturer in 1988, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1990, associate professor in 1996, and professor in 2008.

Dr. Urba held numerous leadership roles in the Department of Internal Medicine during her tenure. She was the director of the Palliative Care Program from 1994-2008. She served as both the acting chief for the Oncology Section from 1989-91 and the director of Clinical Research from 1992-94 in the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. In 2009, she was named medical director of the UM Symptom Management and Supportive Care Program, a role she held until her retirement. Dr. Urba was also an active clinical researcher with specific interest in esophageal cancer and head and neck cancer as well as palliative care. Dr. Urba served as a sub-specialty board member for medical oncology for the American Board of Internal Medicine from 2011-19 and also served as the chair of the pain sub panel for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Survivorship Guidelines Panel.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Susan G. Urba, professor emerita of internal medicine.

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