

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

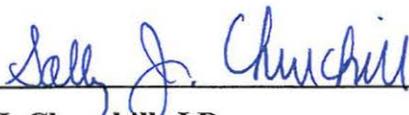
Lourdes Vélez, M.D., clinical assistant professor of family medicine in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2016.

Dr. Vélez received her M.D. degree from the San Juan Bautista School of Medicine in 1983. Her postdoctoral training included an internship (1983-84) at the Fajardo Regional Hospital in Puerto Rico, a family practice residency (1984-87) at the North Oakland Medical Center in Michigan, a primary care faculty development fellowship (1989-90) at Michigan State University, and a geriatric medicine fellowship (1993-95) and medical educator scholars program (2000-01) at the University of Michigan. Dr. Vélez served on the faculty of Wayne State University from 1990-98. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical assistant professor of family medicine in 1998.

An exceptional physician, Dr. Vélez is a leader in the practice of family medicine, geriatric medicine, and hospice and palliative care. Her clinical work focused on a number of conditions, including cognitive disorders, diabetes, stroke, and osteoporosis. Dr. Vélez served as the medical director of the Arbor Hospice & Home Care-Downriver Office, Michigan Visiting Nurses and Michigan Visiting Care, and the Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of the Elders Program. She published several peer-reviewed articles and authored three book chapters. She was a member of numerous professional societies, including the Puerto Rico Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Geriatrics Society, and the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Medicine. A well-regarded teacher and dedicated mentor, Dr. Vélez was actively involved in the training and development of medical school students and residents in both the clinical setting as well as in didactic lectures. She received the University of Michigan's Circle Award (2010) for her work as faculty advisor to the University of Michigan Latin American Native American Medical Association and the Global Reach Medical Student Trips to Cuba (2006) and Peru (2007).

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member, academic leader, and scholar for her dedicated service by naming **Lourdes Vélez, clinical assistant professor emerita of family medicine**.

Requested by:



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