THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Barbara J. McKenna, M.D., Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology Education and clinical professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 25, 2017.

Dr. McKenna received her B.S. (1975) degree from Michigan State University and her M.D. (1981) degree from the University of Michigan. She completed an anatomic and clinical pathology residency (1981-85) and served as the chief resident in pathology (1984-85) at the University of Michigan. She joined the faculty of the Albany Medical College as a clinical assistant professor in 1992, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1994, and associate professor in 1999. She also served as the program director of the pathology residency program (1994-2002) and the medical director of the School of Cytotechnology (1994-2002). Dr. McKenna joined the University of Michigan faculty as a clinical associate professor in 2002, and was promoted to clinical professor in 2009. She was named the Godfrey D. Stobbe Professor of Pathology Education in 2010.

An exceptional clinician, researcher, and educator, Dr. McKenna is a leader in the fields of cytopathology, gastrointestinal pathology, and liver pathology. In addition to clinical responsibilities in cytopathology and surgical pathology, she served as program director of the surgical pathology fellowship program (2006-10), program director of educational programs and residency training program (2010-17), and member of the Graduate Medical Education Committee (2012-16). Dr. McKenna has represented the University through her extensive involvement with multiple regional and national professional organizations, as both a speaker and in volunteer governance. Notably, she served as a member of the board of directors (2000-11) and president (2008-09) of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), the largest pathology organization in the United States. She received the ASCP President’s Award in 2011, was elevated to the ASCP Mastership level of membership in 2013, and was selected to receive the ASCP Mentorship Award in September 2017. Dr. McKenna was inducted into the Medical School’s League of Educational Excellence in 2013.

The Regents now salute this distinguished clinician and medical educator by naming Barbara J. McKenna, clinical professor emerita of pathology.

Requested by:

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