

# Letter from WIN President

**Dr. Sharon Anderson's appointment as chair of the Department of Medicine, OHSU**



**Dr. Sharon Anderson is the first female to chair the Department of Medicine and the third female clinical chair in Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU).** She has served as interim chair in the Department of Medicine since April 2013. A member of the OHSU faculty since 1991, Dr. Anderson is a professor in the Department of Medicine and a member of the Division of

Nephrology and Hypertension. Previously, she was chief of medical service at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center and associate dean for faculty development in the School of Medicine.

Dr. Anderson received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Maryland and Medical Degree from Louisiana State University Medical Center. After internal medicine residency training at OHSU, she completed her clinical nephrology training at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (formerly Beth Israel Hospital), and her research training at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Anderson served on the council of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) from 2004 through 2011, serving as the first female president of ASN in 2010. She was elected to the ASN Council in 2004 following a decade of dedicated service to the association. Her leadership positions in ASN have included a position on the Editorial Board of JASN as well as serving on several committees, including the Abstract Selection Committee, the Program Committee, the Chronic Kidney Disease Advisory Group, and the Executive Committee for Training

Program Directors.

Dr. Anderson is a past Chair of the Nephrology Board, American Board of Internal Medicine; past Chair of the NIH General Medicine "B" Study Section, and current member of the NIH PBKD Study Section. She has been honored with the 2001, 2002, and 2003 Faculty Teaching Awards, the 2003 Medical Staff Chairman's Award for Outstanding Service to Medical Staff, and the 2006 Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Service, from Oregon Health and Science University. She is a Fellow of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine, and the American Heart Association Councils on the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease and High Blood Pressure Research. Dr. Anderson has been a member of more than 10 professional societies, including the International Society of Nephrology and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. She has authored or co-authored more than 150 publications.

She lives in Portland, OR with her husband, Edmund T. Curtis.

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