Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of Saroja Adusumilli, M.D., clinical assistant professor of radiology in the Medical School. Dr. Adusumilli died on Saturday, March 3, 2007, in a motor vehicle accident.

Dr. Adusumilli received her B.A. and M.D. degrees from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1991 and 1995, respectively. She completed an internship in internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania from 1995-96, and began her residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of Michigan in 1996. Following her residency, she completed a fellowship in magnetic resonance imaging at the University of Pennsylvania from 2000-02. She returned to the University of Michigan in 2002 as an assistant professor of radiology, and became a clinical assistant professor in 2005.

Dr. Adusumilli was an outstanding clinical radiologist, an excellent teacher, and a gifted investigator. She received the award for the most outstanding scientific paper from the Department of Radiology in 1999 and the Teacher of the Year Award from the radiology residents in 2004. She received similar recognition from the radiology residents in 2005 and 2006. She was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the AOA Honor Medical Society.

An expert on prostate imaging, Dr. Adusumilli’s research on multi-modality imaging of prostate cancer was externally funded by the National Institutes of Health. Her scientific papers were published in the best radiology journals and she authored two chapters in prestigious scientific textbooks.

Already recognized as a leader in radiology, Dr. Adusumilli served the Association of University Radiologists as a member of the scientific program committee, abstract reviewer and moderator at the annual meeting. She served as a manuscript reviewer for Radiographics and was selected to participate in the Introduction to Research in Radiology Symposium sponsored by the three broad-based radiology societies. In 2006, Dr. Adusumilli was selected to serve as an oral board examiner for the American Board of Radiology and to serve as a member of the Case Selection Committee for the examination.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we also extend our heartfelt condolences to her parents, Drs. Surendranath and Swatantra Adusumilli, and her sister, Kalyani Sundararajan.

Requested by:

Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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