

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

## ACTION REQUEST

Adopted by the Regents

September 17, 2009

**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 **Elizabeth A. Young, M.D.**, professor of psychiatry and research professor, Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute, Medical School, and research professor, Reproductive Sciences Program, who died on September 1, 2009 after a yearlong battle with leukemia. She was 59 years old.

Dr. Young was raised in the Detroit and Chicago areas and received her undergraduate education at the University of Dayton in Ohio. She earned her medical degree from The Ohio State University in 1976, and completed her residency in psychiatry at the same institution in 1979. She came to the University of Michigan Medical School in July 1979 as a research fellow in the Department of Psychiatry Clinical Studies Unit. In 1981 she joined the laboratories of Drs. Huda Akil and Stanley Watson at the Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute (MBNI) as a postdoctoral fellow. She then received a physician scientist training grant and joined the faculty of the MBNI and the psychiatry department, where she moved through the ranks to the senior positions she occupied at the time of her death.

Dr. Young was an internationally renowned biological psychiatrist and neuroendocrinologist, who conducted seminal research on stress biology and its role in severe depression and other mood disorders. She also had many other scientific interests, most prominent among them the role of gender differences in vulnerability to mood disorders. Her work has established the basis for many lines of enquiry into human psychopathology.

Dr. Young was a loving wife and stepmother, a caring physician, a wonderful collaborator and mentor, an ardent gardener, and a devoted friend. As we mourn her loss, our condolences go to her husband, Dr. Peter Hinman, her step-daughter, Dr. Mira Hinman, and her two step-granddaughters.

**Requested by:**



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**Sally J. Churchill**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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