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# Scholarship established at U-M Medical School to honor the late Deepika Mazumder



ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A scholarship has been established at the University of Michigan Medical School to honor the memory of Dr. Deepika Mazumder, a former member of the school's research community who died in 2000.

The scholarship, which recognizes her impact on research at the school, will provide tuition support for a U-M medical student to study the handling of volunteers in clinical research studies, and advancing ethical practices in medicine.

Mazumder earned her medical degree at Patna Medical College in India and practiced medicine before coming to the United States in 1985. After a stint of two years at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she came to Ann Arbor with her son Bhaskar, then 5 years old, and daughter Monika, then 1 year old, when her husband Pinaki Mazumder joined U-M in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science department of the College of Engineering.

Deepika worked as a research assistant in three different Medical School departments over the course of ten years: the Physiology Department (now called Molecular & Integrative Physiology), the Department of Neurology, and the Thoracic Surgery section of the Department of Surgery.
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"We know that nothing will erase the Mazumder family's pain from the loss of their beloved Deepika, whose death was a tragedy for her family, friends and all those who knew her genuine and beautiful character," says U-M Medical School Dean James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.. "This scholarship fund, established by the University in her memory, is a fitting way to acknowledge her wonderful spirit and all that she meant to them and to so many others."

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