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DESIGNATE WOMEN OF STEEL OBSTETRICAL SIMULATION LABORATORY,  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CHICAGO

**Action:** Designate Women of Steel Obstetrical Simulation Laboratory, College of Medicine

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Interim Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Interim Vice President, University of Illinois recommends the naming of the Obstetrical Simulation Laboratory in the Clinical Sciences North (CSN) Building located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of 840 South Wood Street, Room W207, as the Women of Steel Obstetrical Simulation Laboratory in recognition of Dr. Howard Grundy's \$180,000 gift towards the renovation of this outdated simulation space.

Dr. Howard Grundy requests the naming of the Simulation Lab in honor of his late mother, Smiljana Grundy, and her profession as a steel worker for 37-years. Ms. Grundy was of Serbian descent and was a part of the United Steelworkers' (USW) activist-arm, Women of Steel, which evolved from the early women's caucuses that demanded that women have their rightful place in the USW union. Leo W. Gerard, International President of USW, has given his approval for use of the name "Women of Steel" in the naming of the Obstetrical Simulation Lab.

The College of Medicine recognizes that there is an increased demand for the use of obstetric and gynecologic simulation before “hands-on” training in the operating or labor and delivery rooms and considers this renovation project as a key priority to advance the residency program, as well as, the Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellowship. High fidelity simulation helps participants to gain better understanding of physiology of procedures and supports the development of communication skills in multidisciplinary teams. The Women of Steel Obstetrical Simulation Lab will include two separate, but adjacent, simulation labs: one for obstetrics and the other for gynecology. There will also be adjacent space for learning and discussion. The renovation is expected to begin within nine to twelve months.

Dr. Grundy was born in DeKalb, Illinois, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1970. In 1974, he completed his medical degree and residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and University of Illinois Hospital. Dr. Grundy was in full-time private practice in Illinois for many years and also served as Interim Director of Obstetric Ultrasound at University of Illinois College of Medicine. He plans to retire as of April 2015.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.