

Yale-New Haven Hospital Fund Established to Support Women's Health Research at Yale

New Haven, Conn. – A new fund has been established by anonymous donors at Yale-New Haven Hospital to support *Women's Health Research at Yale* and advance the shared goal of integrating research findings into the clinical setting.

This important Yale-New Haven Hospital Fund will help sustain the ongoing work of *Women's Health Research at Yale*. An interdisciplinary research program that focuses on gender differences in health and disease, *Women's Health Research at Yale* studies the most pressing health concerns of women today, including heart disease; breast, lung and ovarian cancer; depression; osteoporosis; reproductive health, and smoking cessation. The program awards grants to Yale investigators to conduct studies on women's health, supports its own interdisciplinary research on gender-specific factors in health and disease, and disseminates its research findings to the community.

"We are grateful for this new support and want to sincerely thank the donors who recognize that the hospital and our program share the goal of translating new research findings on women's health into practical improvements in clinical care," said Carolyn M. Mazure, Ph.D., Director of *Women's Health Research at Yale*.

Yale-New Haven Hospital provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care in more than 100 medical specialty areas, including vitally important areas of women's health that are targets of investigation by *Women's Health Research at Yale*.

With original funding from The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation, *Women's Health Research at Yale* was founded in 1998 to address historic gender disparities in medical research by initiating and supporting innovative studies on women's health and gender differences in health. Since inception, *Women's Health Research at Yale* has awarded more than \$4 million in pilot grants to more than 60 Yale investigators who have generated nearly \$47 million in new external grants to further their research – an enormous "return on investment." The program has grown to become a national model.

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