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Joyce L. deJong, DO, is the founding chair of the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed). Since then, the department has expanded to include the Center for Neuropathology and a Research Histology Laboratory.

Dr. deJong has extensive experience as a Medical Examiner, currently serving in this role for 11 counties in Michigan. She serves on the federal mass fatality team, and has been deployed to mass disaster/fatality events. She currently is the Chair of the Medical Examiner Working group, a team of multiple individuals focused on improving the Medical Examiner and Death Investigation process in Michigan.

Dr. deJong also served as the Medical Director of the Forensic Pathology Division of Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. In this position, she served as the Medical Examiner/Deputy Medical Examiner, overseeing a robust medical examiner and forensic pathology consultation service. She also was an associate clinical professor at Michigan State University in both the College of Human Medicine and the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. deJong has served as the President of the Michigan Association of Medical Examiners and is very active with the National Association of Medical Examiners and the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

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