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**THE FOUNDATION FOR THE HISTORY OF  
WOMEN IN MEDICINE**

**The Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award**

**2008 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine announces its Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award.** This Award will honor an outstanding woman physician or scientist in North America:

- who has furthered the practice and understanding of medicine in our lifetime and made significant contributions outside of medicine, for example, in the humanities, arts or social sciences
- whose determination and spirit have carried her beyond traditional pathways in medicine and science; and
- who challenges the status quo with a passion for learning.

The Awardee will receive a sculpture representing humanism in medicine. The Award will be presented in conjunction with an annual lectureship in conjunction with The College of Physicians of Philadelphia on October 7, 2008 (tentative) in Philadelphia (travel and accommodation expenses will be covered). A stipulation of receiving the award is that the recipient be available to give a twenty to thirty minute keynote speech.

The Award Committee who will select the recipient is composed of:

**Wilma Bulkin Siegel, M.D.**

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Emeritus, Oncology  
Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
Chair, FHWIM Alma Dea Morani Award Committee

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Trustee, The College of Physicians of Philadelphia  
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Professor, History of Medicine, University of Wisconsin Medical School



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**2008 Award Guidelines**

- 1) Please complete the nomination form.
- 2) A nomination letter should be attached, detailing the nominee’s contributions, accomplishments and qualities in reference to the description of the Award (no self-nominations, please).
  - Attach any appropriate supporting material including evidence of the individual’s contributions.
  - Two additional letters of support may accompany this letter.
- 3) Include the candidate’s curriculum vitae.
- 4) The original and eight copies of all materials should be received by April 15, 2008:

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**2008 NOMINATION FORM**

Please complete this form.

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant to Nominee Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to the Nominee (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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**2007 Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award Recipient**

*Dr. Catherine D. DeAngelis, M.D., MPH*

*Editor-in-chief of JAMA, The Journal of the American Medical Association*

Dr. Catherine D. DeAngelis, the 2007 recipient of the Alma Dea Morani Award, currently serves as Editor-in-chief of *JAMA*, The Journal of the American Medical Association. She is also Editor-in-Chief of Scientific Publications and Multimedia Applications, and Professor of Pediatrics, Johns Hopkins University of School of Medicine. She received her MD from the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Medicine, and her MPH from the Harvard Graduate School of Public Health (Health Services Administration), and her pediatric specialty training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. DeAngelis oversees *JAMA* as well as nine *Archives* publications and *JAMA* related website content. Before her appointment with *JAMA*, she was vice dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty. Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and from 1994-2000, she was editor of *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*. She also has been a member of numerous Journal editorial boards.

She has authored or edited 11 books on Pediatrics and Medical Education and has published over 200 original articles, chapters, editorials, and abstracts. Most of her recent publications have focused on conflicts of interest in medicine, on women in medicine, and on medical education. Dr. DeAngelis is a past council member of the National Academy of Science, Institute of Medicine, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has served as an officer of numerous national academic societies including past chairman of the American Board of Pediatrics and Chair of the Pediatric Accreditation Council for Residency Review Committee of the American council on Graduate Medical Education. She is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH.

**2006 Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award Recipient**

*Mary Guinan, Ph.D., M.D.*

Dr. Mary Guinan, champion of disease control and prevention for three decades, was the 2006 recipient of the Alma Dea Morani Award. Currently Founding Dean of the New School of Public Health at the University of Nevada, Dr. Guinan had taken part in the historic effort to eliminate smallpox in Uttar Pradesh, India. Also, she is often credited with being one of the first doctors to identify AIDS as an epidemic.

Dr. Guinan is board certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Preventive Medicine in Public Health and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas and an M.D. from Johns Hopkins University. During her Infectious Disease fellowship training, she became interested in herpes viruses in women. She was one of the first women at that time doing research in sexually transmitted diseases and decided to concentrate her research on women. In her 22 years with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Dr. Guinan became a leading expert on the herpes virus and studied the first cases of AIDS while serving on the original AIDS Task Force. She also was the first woman to serve as chief scientific advisor to the Director of the Center for Disease Control.

Dr. Guinan is currently on the board of directors of the Nevada Public Health Foundation. She served as a Nevada State Health Officer and was successful in convincing authorities to fluoridate Nevada’s water supply as well as worked to decrease second hand tobacco smoke in public places.

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### **2005 Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award Recipient**

*Audrey E. Evans, M.D.*

Audrey E. Evans was born in England and attended medical school at Edinburgh. She graduated in 1950 and in 1953, with the help of a Fulbright Award, came to the United States for pediatric training at the Children's Hospital in Boston and at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. She returned to the United Kingdom in 1953. There the system for pediatric care is a hospital consultant service, and she was advised that the limited number of appointments available would probably be filled by men. On this basis, she returned to Boston where she joined the Oncology Service at the Children's Hospital in 1957. At that time there was little effective treatment for children with cancer, so the focus was a balance of research and care for the family. Dr. Sydney Farber coined the phrase "total care" and his service was unusual in that it included pediatricians, research scientists, nurses, and social workers. In the seven years spent there, Dr. Evans was privileged to participate in several studies on leukemia and solid tumors that led to the cure of some of these diseases.

She then spent four years as head of hematology/oncology at the University of Chicago, after which she came to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in 1969 at the invitation of Dr. C. Everett Koop to head a special oncology service, separate from hematology. She built the foundation for the present Cancer Research Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, now one of the largest centers in the world of its kind, with 40 pediatric oncologists and a budget of \$5 million. Because of her interest in the "total care" of children and their families, she set the wheels in motion that led to the creation of the first Ronald McDonald House. She also played a part in the Ronald McDonald Children's Charity, which is the largest children's fund in the United States.

Since she resigned as Chief of Oncology in 1989, she has focused on studies of new agents specifically for the treatment of neuroblastoma, a children cancer that has not achieved the success of many other tumors.

### **2004 Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award Recipient**

*Christine Haycock, M.D., FACS.*

Christine Haycock, M.D. FACS, a native of New Jersey, has distinguished herself in the field of Medicine since she became a RN in 1945 and a physician in 1952. She became a physician against all odds. Dr. Haycock excelled as a physician, teacher, and mentor to other women who seek to become physicians. She is best known for her influence on Sports Medicine for women, her work on the eradication of uterine cancer and her leadership in the establishment of the trauma center at University Hospital in Newark as well as her post as commander of two hospital units during her service in the Army Medical Corps.

Dr. Haycock, with her boundless energy and interests has reached beyond the field of medicine to the larger world around her. She was an outstanding athlete in her youth participating in the US fencing squad for the Olympics in the late 1940's and shined as a softball pitcher from 1939 to well in the 60's with several top teams. She also plays golf and tennis.

Few women have as diversified activities as Dr. Haycock. She retired from the armed forces as a Colonel in 1986 having earned two Commendation Medals and a Meritorious Service Medal. Christine Haycock was a co-founder and treasurer of the Association of Women Surgeons as well as President of the American Medical Women's Association. She was awarded a life membership in the American Cancer Society having served in many

positions. Dr. Haycock has a distinguished career as a photographer, an avid ham radio operator, and has raised show dogs with her late husband, Sam Moskowitz, a noted science fiction writer.

Dr. Haycock is the perfect example of a woman physician who has excelled in her field and reached far beyond her field to influence the world she lives in. She is a true Renaissance Woman in the tradition of Alma Dea Morani for whom the award is named.

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### **2003 Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award Recipient**

*Mary Ellen Avery, M.D.*

*Professor Emeritus, Thomas Morgan Rotch Professor of Pediatrics  
Harvard Medical College*

Mary Ellen Avery, M.D., a native of Camden County New Jersey received her BS degree from Wheaton College and her Doctor of Medicine degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. After years of service at Johns Hopkins and McGill University, Dr. Avery went to Harvard in 1974 as the Thomas Morgan Rotch Professor of Pediatrics. She served in that position until 1997 when she became Professor Emerita.

Known for her outstanding accomplishments, Dr. Avery, in 1950, led pioneering work in hyaline membrane disease which saves thousands of newborns from death. The combination of her work with hyaline membrane disease as well as intensive care treatment of the neonate has advanced the care and outcomes of premature infants over the past fifty years. The benefits in knowledge gained, lives saved, suffering avoided and health care costs abated will last far into the future. Dr. Avery received the National Medal of Science in 1991 from President George Bush for her work on respiratory distress syndrome.

Dr. Avery came to Harvard in 1974, the second woman to hold a department chair at Harvard Medical School. She was responsible for building the largest pediatric department at Harvard as well as being central to the development of pediatrics in the United States. Her trainees hold key academic positions in pediatrics across the United States.

Among her many accomplishments are the publication of two text books and her international work through UNESCO, UNICEF, and the UN where she has served as a spokesperson for the needs of children of the world..

Dr. Mary Ellen Avery is a true Renaissance Woman. She has influenced the field of pediatrics, played a role on the world stage, and continues to be a role model for those who wish to pursue their careers in the field of pediatrics. Dr. Avery was recently elected President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an organization consistent with her long-standing commitment to both science and human welfare.

### **2002 Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award Recipient**

*Carola Eisenberg, M.D.*

*Lecturer in Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School*

Carola Eisenberg, M.D. received her MD degree in 1944 from the University of Buenos Aires, after which she completed a fellowship in Child Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is currently a Lecturer in Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and remains a practicing psychiatrist. Her first appointment was as an Assistant Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins Medical School from 1958 – 1967. In 1968, she became a staff psychiatrist at the Student Health Service of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. From 1972 to 1978, she served as Dean for Student Affairs at MIT, the first woman to occupy that position and the first to serve on the Academic Council, its highest academic governing authority. In 1978, she was appointed Dean for Student Affairs at Harvard Medical School where she served for 12 years. She was among the first leaders in medicine to offer assistance and support to women students and residents and to publish articles in major journals on the changes needed in medical education if women are to realize their potential.

More recently, at a time in life when many physicians retire, Dr. Eisenberg began participating in human rights missions to El Salvador, Chile and Paraguay. She has served as Vice President of Physicians for Human Rights, an organization dedicated to the championship of physicians subjected to persecution in other countries; this organization shared the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize for its work in the campaign against land mines. Moreover, she created a course at HMS on human rights and international medicine and served as Director of the International Program for Medical Students. She has also continued to give presentations and serve on many national task forces and committees in the area of women's health and women's careers in science, as well as on professionalism.

In summary, Dr. Eisenberg has, throughout her long career, worked tirelessly to make medicine and public health available to all those in need, all the while improving medical education and the practice of psychiatry. Dr. Eisenberg is a role model for women who work to make a difference in medicine, their community and the world today.

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### **2001 Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award Recipient**

*Barbara Barlow, M.D., FACS*

*Director of Surgery, Columbia University, and  
Director, Injury Free Coalition for Kids*

Barbara Barlow, M.D., FACS, is currently the Director of Surgery at Columbia University, and the Director of Injury Free Coalition for Kids. After her training in surgery and pediatric surgery, Dr. Barlow accepted a position as a pediatric surgeon at Harlem Hospital in New York City. Barbara Barlow found the position a way to change the lives of children in Harlem, where parents have to struggle against poverty, crime, and drugs to prevent broken lives. She began with “Children Can’t Fly”, a program designed to place window guards in high rise residences in Harlem neighborhoods. She created the Harlem Hospital Injury Prevention Program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The program, which brings together physicians, hospital, industry and community, provides safety education and the creation of safe activities for children. Not only have the incidents of injury been reduced, neighborhoods have been transformed. This program has been duplicated in Philadelphia, Kansas City, Dallas, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Atlanta and Chicago. Dr. Barlow provided the inspiration, expertise, and personal time – she is a catalyst for change and a visionary combining medicine, compassion, and social activism.

### **2000 Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Award Recipient**

*Alma Dea Morani, M.D., FACS*

*First Woman accepted into the Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*

Alma Dea Morani, M.D., FACS, was the first female member of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons. She was drawn to medicine by the Woman’s Medical College of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1931. Her love of art, which she learned from her sculptor/father, Salvatore Morani, drew her to plastic surgery. Her difficulty obtaining training in the specialty would have caused others to abandon the goal, but she pursued it with greater vigor. Her career path as a plastic surgeon was diverse and challenging. She returned to the Woman’s Medical College to start her practice, treating the broad spectrum of problems that we all see, and rose to the rank of clinical professor of surgery. In that capacity she was a role model for a whole generation of women who, in turn, acted as mentors for many others to pursue careers in plastic surgery.

Dr. Morani has inspired a generation of women to pursue careers in plastic surgery. She will continue to serve as an inspiration to young physicians, especially women, who wish to combine the skills of a plastic surgeon with an appreciation of the role of art in the maturation of the individual.

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