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Women in Medicine Announces Award Recipient

CAROL C. NADELSON, M.D., NAMED 2009 ALMA DEA MORANI, M.D. RENAISSANCE WOMAN AWARD RECIPIENT

Philadelphia – June 12, 2009. Carol C. Nadelson, M.D., Director, Partners Office for Women’s Careers, Brigham and Women’s Hospital (Harvard Medical School), Boston, Massachusetts, was named the 2009 Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award recipient by The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine (FWWIM). Wilma Bulkin Siegel, M.D., Chair of the FWWIM Awards Committee, announced, “Carol Nadelson has had a major impact on the career development and advancement of women physicians and scientists throughout the world, making her an ideal candidate for the Alma Dea Morani Renaissance Woman Award.”

Dr. Nadelson pioneered work in women's health and mental health, dedicated herself to the education and mentoring of students, physicians and the public, and provided inspirational leadership in psychiatry and medicine. She has steered an unusual course in academic medicine, devoting herself to innovative and evolving areas of investigation, clinical understanding and education. Her work has left an indelible mark on patients and on generations of students and colleagues.

In 1979, she became Professor of Psychiatry at Tufts University College of Medicine and Vice-Chair and Director of Training and Education in the Tufts Department of Psychiatry at New England Medical Center (NEMC). She was one of the founders of the Association for Academic Psychiatry, the national leadership group of psychiatric educators, of which she later became President. Following a sabbatical year at Stanford’s prestigious Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, she returned to HMS as a Senior Psychiatrist at Cambridge Hospital in 1992. In 1998, Dr. Nadelson was appointed founding Director of the Partners Office for Women's Careers at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. Dr. Nadelson is currently Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, where she supervises psychiatric residents. She also serves as a premedical student advisor for both Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Nationally, Dr. Nadelson served on the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS), the Graduate Medical Education National Advisory Committee (GMENAC) and the Accreditation Council Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). She has been President of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP), the leading national think tank of psychiatrists working on issues of psychiatrists and society. She is currently President-elect of the American College of Psychoanalysts. Dr. Nadelson has been a member of the Board of Regents of the American College of Psychiatrists, the Executive Committee of the American Association of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training, and the World Psychiatric Associations Committee on Women's Health. She has served on the American Medical Association’s (AMA) Impaired Physicians Advisory Committee and National Advisory Council on Family Violence.

Dr. Nadelson is viewed as a leading expert on this topic and has influenced education and policy on domestic violence. She has been a Trustee and member of the Board of Directors of the Menninger Foundation and Clinic, served on the Hastings Center Program Planning Committee and is a member of the Massachusetts and International Women's Forums, and currently on the Alumni Council of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Society for Women's Health Research. In its 144th year, the American Psychiatric Association (APA), in 1984, elected Dr Nadelson as its first woman president.

Among her awards are the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Psychiatry from the American College of Psychiatrists; the APA's Seymour Vestermark Award for outstanding contributions to psychiatric education; the AMA's Sidney Cohen Award for outstanding contributions to the understanding of addiction; the Elizabeth Blackwell Award from the American Medical Women's Association for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Women in the Field of Medicine; the American College of Psychoanalysts' Laughlin Editorial Award; the American Psychoanalytic Association's Pioneers in Psychoanalysis of Women Award; the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's Outstanding Psychiatrist Award for Lifetime Achievement, the MacDonald Hospital for Women Award in Recognition of Outstanding Contributions in Medicine; the AAMC Women in Medicine Leadership Development Award; the Alexandra Symond's award from APA, recognizing outstanding contributions to women's mental health; and she has been named a Boston YWCA Woman of Achievement.

“Dr Carol Nadelson is recognized nationally and internationally for her contributions on behalf of women in medicine. She has help to change our way of thinking about gender equity in medicine and inclusion of women in research trials, access to medical information by the lay public, treatment of women patients, women's mental health and the field of psychiatry. We are thrilled to honor her with the 2009 Alma Dea Morani Award,” stated Barbara Atkinson, MD, President, Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine. Dr. Nadelson's complete biography can be found on our website at www.fhwim.org.

The 2009 Alma Dea Morani Award will be presented in October 9, 2009 at the Center for the History of Medicine, Countway Library of Medicine, An Alliance of the Boston Medical Library and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. For an invitation to the 2009 presentation, please contact the Foundation.

The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine was founded to promote and to preserve the history of women in medicine and the medical sciences. FHWIM is pleased to sponsor the Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award which honors 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.

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