

Louise Schnauer, Founding Member of the Foundation, Remembered



Dr. Louise Schnauer passed away on October 14, 2011 at her home in Philadelphia. She graduated from The Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia in 1951. She became the first female Chief Surgical Resident at the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland and continued her post-graduate training in pediatric surgery at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

Returning to Baltimore, she established the city's first pediatric surgical service, working at Union Memorial Hospital and at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. After several years, she returned to Philadelphia and joined practices with C. Everett Koop at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia where she remained until her retirement in 2002 at the age of 77. She was a pioneer in the separation of conjoined twins and is responsible for the construction of the first gortex diaphragm in the treatment of hernias. [Read Obituary](#)

Rita Charon, M.D., Ph.D. Honored as 2011 Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Awardee



Dr. Donald Landry (Nominator), Dr. Charon, and Dr. Wilma Bulkin Siegel (ADM Committee Chair)

On Tuesday, October 11, 2011, Rita Charon, M.D. was presented with the 12th Annual Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award at Columbia University Medical Center.

Rita Charon is Professor of Clinical Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and

Executive Director of the Program in Narrative Medicine. She is a general internist in practice in the Associates of Internal Medicine in Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Charon graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1978 and trained in internal medicine at the Residency Program in Social Medicine at Montefiore Hospital in New York. [More](#)



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Capturing the history of pioneering women in medicine and making that information available to the current medical community, including students, is a valuable contribution to the field of medicine, but it requires funding, typically received from those of us who are passionate about the cause.

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