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Nancy D. Spector, MD to be Recognized with 2023 Elizabeth Blackwell Award at the American Medical Women’s Association 2023 Annual Meeting

(Schaumburg IL)—February 3, 2023— On National Women Physicians Day, the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) is delighted to announce that Nancy D. Spector, MD, of Drexel University College of Medicine and the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM) program is the 2023 Elizabeth Blackwell Awardee. A national leader in academic medicine, Dr. Spector is being honored for her significant contributions in gender equity, mentorship, sponsorship, and advancing women leaders to the highest levels in medicine. She will be presented with her award during the 108th AMWA Annual Meeting, March 23-26 in Philadelphia.

“Dr. Nancy Spector is a truly outstanding leader in academic medicine, supporting and impacting students and professionals at all stages of their journeys,” said AMWA Board member and Awards Chair, Dr. Susan Hingle, Professor of Medicine at SIU School of Medicine. “She has had tremendous influence in advancing gender-specific medicine and diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. I have been honored and inspired working alongside Dr. Spector on many projects and am thrilled she is being recognized with AMWA’s most important award.”

AMWA’s Elizabeth Blackwell Award is a tribute to the first woman awarded a medical degree from an American medical school. It is granted to a woman physician who has made outstanding contributions to the cause of women in medicine, created pathways for other women in medicine, and made other exceptional contributions to women in medicine. The award was initiated in 1994 by Elise S. L’Esperance, MD. Previously, the award was given only to AMWA members, but is now open to anyone in academic medicine.

Nancy Spector, MD, is a Professor of Pediatrics and serves at Drexel University College of Medicine (DUCOM) as Executive Director of the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM) program, a year-long, national leadership fellowship program for
women in academic medicine, dentistry, public health, and pharmacy and as Executive Director of the Executive Leadership in Health Care (ELH) program for women leaders in health care systems. She also serves as Senior Vice Dean for Faculty, the Betty A. Cohen Chair in Women’s Health, Executive Director of the Lynn Yeakel Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership (IWHL), Chair of the I-PASS Study Group, and founder of the I-PASS Patient Safety Institute. Dr. Spector is a national leader in gender equity in academic medicine. Her contributions to academic medicine and graduate medical education are in mentoring and sponsorship, leadership skills development, professional development, patient safety and curriculum development and implementation.

About The 108th AMWA Annual Meeting

Our 2023 theme, *Thriving, Leading, Transforming* reflects AMWA’s aspiration for women in medicine and the impact they have collectively and individually. Our program focuses on diversity, leadership, and advocacy, with compelling keynotes, discussions, and workshops, and the first-ever AMWA Healthcare Innovation Challenge [Learn more](https://bit.ly/amwa2023)

ABOUT AMWA

[American Medical Women’s Association](https://amwa-doc.org) is a multispecialty organization of women physicians committed to advancing women in medicine, advocating for equity, and ensuring excellence in health care. Learn more at amwa-doc.org.

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