

# American Medical Women's Association Announces 2026 Fellows & Exceptional Mentors

## Honoring Women Physicians For Excellence in Medicine and Science

**Albany, New York Feb 13, 2026** ([IssueWire.com](http://IssueWire.com)) - The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) proudly announces the 2026 class of AMWA Fellows — the largest cohort to date. These 27 distinguished women physicians are recognized for their exceptional achievements, visionary leadership, and dedicated service in advancing medicine, science, and the mission of AMWA.

“Achieving fellowship status with AMWA is a testament to a physician’s enduring commitment to excellence, mentorship, and leadership,” says Dr. Susan Hingle, AMWA Immediate Past President and Awards Chair. “Our Fellows embody the spirit of advocacy, education, and integrity that reflect the excellence that defines AMWA with distinction. Their recognition as FAMWA reflects not only their professional stature but also their dedication to empowering women physicians and improving the health of women.”

Established during AMWA’s Centennial Meeting, the Fellowship has become one of the organization’s most prestigious honors, celebrating members whose professional excellence and commitment continue to inspire the next generation of medical leaders.

Meet the illustrious inductees who will take the oath to formally become a Fellow of AMWA this year:

- Vinita J. Acharya, MD, Professor of Neurology and Distinguished Educator, Penn State College of Medicine
- Sarah Albers, MD, MPH, Senior Aviation Medical Examiner at Detroit Receiving Hospital
- Jan Carney, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Public Health and Health Policy, Professor of Medicine, and Division Chief, University of Vermont
- Harumi Gomi, MD, MPH, Professor, School of Medicine, International University of Health and Welfare
- Haneme Idrizi, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, SIU School of Medicine
- Kathryn A. Jobbins, DO, MS, Associate Program Director and Assistant Professor, UMass Chan Medical School
- Marilyn Katz, M, Associate Professor of Medicine and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at UConn Health
- Jody Lack, MD, Associate Professor, Clinical Pediatrics, SIU School of Medicine
- Teresa Lazar, MD, Obstetrician/Gynecologist at Northwell Health, New York
- Joan Lo, MD, Professor of Health Systems Science at the KP Bernard J Tyson School of Medicine and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco
- Durga Madala, MD, Cardiologist at Good Samaritan Hospital (CA)
- Kristin M. Mitchell, MD, Internist and Chair of the Outpatient Non-surgical Committee at Central Peninsula Hospital
- Annu Navani, MD, Medical Director at Le Reve and Chief Medical Officer at Boomerang Health Care
- Judith B. Nevitt, MD, Ophthalmology, Stanford Health Care-Stanford Hospital
- Karen Nichols, DO, MA, Past Chair, ACGME Board
- Marianne Parshley, MD, Regent of the American College of Physicians
- Claire Pearson, MD, MPH, Professor and Research Director at Wayne State University
- Barbi Phelps-Sandall, MD, Concierge Gynecology

- Priya Radhakrishnan, MD, Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education at the John Shufeldt School of Medicine and Medical Engineering
- Mary Rensel, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine and Director of Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis and Wellness at the Mellen Center of the Cleveland Clinic
- Ankita Sagar, MD, MPH, System Vice President for Clinical Standards and Variation Reduction at CommonSpirit Health
- Michael S. Sinha, MD, JD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Center for Health Law Studies, St. Louis University
- Nancy D. Spector, MD, Senior Vice Dean for Faculty, Professor of Pediatrics, Executive Director, ELAM and ELH, and Executive Director, Lynn Yeakel Institute for Women's Health and Leadership
- Mariah Stump, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- Rosy Thachil, MD, MBA, Director of the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst
- Tiffani Bell Washington, MD, MPH, MBA, Medical Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Elevance Health, faculty at Harvard Medical School, and Founder,/CEO of The Healthy Weight MD.
- Anlin Xu, MD, President and CEO of South Bay Allergy and Asthma Group

## 2026 Induction Ceremony: Celebrating Excellence

The 2026 AMWA Fellows will be formally inducted during the AMWA Fellowship Convocation Ceremony, held during the Gala on Saturday, March 28 (6-9 pm) as part of the AMWA 111th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

Fellows will have the honor of adding the “FAMWA” designation to their professional credentials, signifying their enduring commitment to AMWA’s mission and their leadership in the field of medicine.

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## 2026 Exceptional Mentor Award Recipients

AMWA is pleased to recognize 23 outstanding physicians nominated as Exceptional Mentors. This honor celebrates physicians who have been recognized by colleagues, advisors, faculty, and leaders and who have gone above and beyond to inspire, guide, and support the professional growth of women in medicine. Their nominations reflect the pivotal role they have played in their professional journeys. Whether through formal mentorship or informal guidance, these mentors embody the spirit of generosity and excellence that defines the medical community.

The 2026 Exceptional Mentors are:

- Leslie Algase, MD, FACP, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
- Madelyn Bahr, MSW, Senior Program Specialist, Institute for Exceptional Care
- Saritha Beauchamp, MD, MPH, Pediatric Infectious Disease Fellow, Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego
- Melanie Cree, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Pediatric Endocrinology; Director, Multi-

disciplinary PCOS Clinic, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and Children's Hospital Colorado

- Cherie P. Erkmen, MD, Professor of Thoracic Medicine and Surgery, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University; Director, Thoracic Surgery Residency Program, Temple University Hospital
- Wendi El-amin, MD, Professor of Family Medicine, Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, SIU School of Medicine
- Tracey Henry, MD, MPH, MS, Associate Professor of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine
- Angela Johnson, MD, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Baton Rouge
- Joanna Katzman, MD, MSPH, Director of Public Health Programs at Project ECHO, University of New Mexico
- Roger S. Khetan, MD, Partner and Chair of the Board of Governors, American College of Physicians; North Texas Preferred Health Partners at Dallas Junius
- Brittany Kizer Stovall, MD, Partner, Internal Medicine Associates of Greenville
- Mark Linzer, MD, Director of the Center for Patient and Provider Experience, Hennepin Healthcare
- Geraldine Menard, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine; Chief, Section of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics; Vice Chair, Clinical Affairs, Deming Department of Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine
- Darilyn Moyer, MD, Executive Vice President and CEO, American College of Physicians
- Natalie Nokoff, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Pediatric Endocrinology; Co-Medical Director, Pediatric CTRC, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Children's Hospital Colorado
- Cynthia Samra, MD, Informatics Curriculum Director, Florida State University College of Medicine
- Sara Sar, DO, Obstetrics and Gynecology Resident (PGY-2), Virtua Health
- Caroline Sloan, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Duke University
- Terrence Sloan, MD, Captain, U.S. Army (Retired)
- Tina Simpson, MD, MPH, Professor and Section Chief of Adolescent Medicine, Tulane University School of Medicine
- Shenifa M. Taite, EdD, Assistant Dean, Office of Faculty Development, Florida State University College of Medicine
- Susan Ivey, MD, MHSA, Adjunct Professor and Director of Research at the University of California, Berkeley
- Katharine Zuckerman, MD, MPH, Associate Professor; Associate Division Head for Research, Division of General Pediatrics, Oregon Health and Science University.

*"Mentorship is one of the most powerful forces for growth in medicine," says Dr. Susan Hingle, MD, Immediate Past President, and 2026 AMWA Awards Chair. "These exceptional physician mentors have not only advanced the careers of others but also strengthened our community by modeling leadership, compassion, and encouragement. We are grateful to every exceptional mentor for investing their time, wisdom, and care in shaping the next generation of physicians."*

These notable physicians will be celebrated at the Gala during the 111th AMWA Annual Meeting, where their mentorship journey will underscore the lasting impact of supportive professional relationships. The Exceptional Mentor Awards will be presented in person during the AMWA Awards Gala during the annual meeting.

The 2026 AMWA Annual Meeting will be held near San Francisco, March 27–29, 2026, with the theme: *Thriving, Leading, Transforming: Rooted in Purpose, Rising in Power, Committed to Service*. Sessions are designed to spark learning, reflection, and bold action, while celebrating the strength, resilience, and vision of those transforming medicine from the inside out. About the meeting: [amwa-doc.org/amwa111](http://amwa-doc.org/amwa111).

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