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AGNES D. LATTIMER, MD PROFESSORSHIP

Joanne Kwak-Kim, MD, MPH 2018 Recipient



Dr. Joanne Kwak-Kim has spent the last three decades serving women who suffer from recurrent pregnancy loss. Her expertise in Reproductive Medicine and Immunology is matched only by her deep compassion for her patients and dedication to their care. Dr. Kwak-Kim helps patients from all walks of life and around the globe, providing knowledge and solace to women who have already endured many losses by the time they reach her door. Her patients speak freely of how she turned their lives around, their years of confusion and frustration ended thanks to Dr. Kwak-Kim's consultation. A pioneer in her field, many of the treatments available in Dr. Kwak-Kim's office today were developed based on decades of her own research and patient care as the Reproductive Immunology specialty emerged.

As a mentor to CMS students, Dr. Kwak-Kim is an outspoken advocate of the Reproductive Medicine and Immunology specialties. When asked what a Reproductive Immunologist needs to succeed, Dr. Kwak-Kim recommends a creative mind, a listener's ear, and a compassionate heart -attributes that have served Dr. Kwak-Kim well in her thirty years of exemplary service.

Inspired by the kindness of her childhood physician, **Agnes Lattimer** pursued her dream of becoming a doctor despite the barriers of racism, sexism and poverty in 1940s America. The only black graduate of her class (and one of only two women), Dr. Lattimer overcame incredible adversity to become a respected and influential pediatrician, eventually becoming Cook County Hospital's medical director. Dr. Lattimer valued the dignity of all patients, fighting unequal treatment of rich and poor patients and devoting herself to underserved African-American neighborhoods within Chicago. She introduced a philosophy focused on competence and compassion in medical care.

Just as Dr. Lattimer followed the example of her kindhearted family doctor, Chicago Medical School hopes that future graduates will be inspired by her legacy. ***This award is named in honor of her tireless service, bravery, and enduring kindness for generations to come.***