



Houston Pathologist Leads by Example to Teach Residents Patient Care

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As the head of anatomic pathology and the director of the surgical pathology fellowship at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Mary R. Schwartz, MD, FCAP, not only teaches her residents important diagnostic skills, but also teaches them that what they do directly impacts patients and that the patients' best interests come first.

Dr. Schwartz was named a recipient of the Pathologist Spotlight Service Award given by the College of American Pathologists (CAP). The award was established to recognize CAP members who exhibit transformative behavior and deliver exceptional patient care in their community through the specialty of pathology.

Dr. Schwartz received the award for her continual leadership by example. Her residents John J. Cangelosi, MD; Kyle L. Eskue, MD; and Jerad M. Gardner, MD, nominated her. Dr. Schwartz is recognized for her outstanding diagnostic skills, overall clinical acumen, ready availability no matter how busy she is, nonstop clinical consultations, and strong commitment to education.

“It is a great honor to recognize Dr. Schwartz with the Pathologist Spotlight Service Award,” said Robert L. Breckenridge, MD, MBA, FCAP, a member of the CAP Board of Governors and chair of the CAP Council on Membership and Professional Development. “Her leadership with these young pathologists—our future leaders—is truly helping to transform the specialty.”

Currently, Dr. Schwartz is a clinical professor of pathology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. In addition, she serves as a senior advisor for The Methodist Hospital Pathology Residency Committee.

“I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the residents who are shaping the future of pathology,” said Dr. Schwartz. “I am deeply honored and overwhelmed to be recognized for this work.”

Dr. Schwartz attended Stanford University in Stanford, California, where she earned her BA degree with distinction. She went on to earn her MD from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, graduating Alpha Omega Alpha. She then completed her residency at Baylor College of Medicine.

A member of the College of American Pathologists Cytopathology Resource Committee and an associate editor of the *Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine*, she has served on the executive board and has chaired numerous committees of the American Society of Cytopathology.

Dr. Schwartz has been recognized with the “Best Doctors in America” award multiple times since 1996. She was the recipient of the 2009 Harlan J. Spjut Award given by the Houston Society of Clinical Pathologists for distinguished and sustained scholarly achievements in pathology.