

## **Marianne J. Legato, M.D., F.A.C.P.**

### **Bio Sketch**

Marianne J. Legato, M.D., F.A.C.P. is an internationally known academic physician, author, lecturer, and specialist in women's health. She is Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons and the Founder and Director of the Partnership for Gender-Specific Medicine at Columbia University.

Dr. Legato founded the Partnership in 1997. It is the first collaboration between academic medicine and the private sector focused solely on gender-specific medicine: the science of how normal human biology differs between men and women and of how the diagnosis and treatment of disease differs as a function of gender.

Dr. Legato has spent her research career doing cardiovascular research on the structure and function of the cardiac cell. The American Heart Association and the National Institutes of Health supported her work. She won the Murray Steele Award, the Martha Lyon Slater Fellowship, and a four-year Senior Investigator Award from the American Heart Association, New York Affiliate. She won a coveted Research Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health and sat on the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute's study section on cardiovascular disease, as well as, the Basic Science Council of the American Heart Association.

Most recently, she has served as a charter member of the Advisory Board of the Office of Research on Women's Health of the National Institutes of Health. She is co-chair of a task force that authored a report from that Office, *An Agenda For Research On Women's Health for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. She received the "Woman in Science" award from the American Medical Women's Association in February of 2002. In 2004, she was selected for inclusion in the National Library of Medicine's Exhibit, "Changing the Face of Medicine", in which 300

American women physicians who had made exceptional contributions to American medical care were profiled.

In 1992, Dr. Legato won the American Heart Association's Blakeslee Award for the best book written for the lay public on cardiovascular disease with her publication of **The Female Heart: The Truth About Women and Heart Disease**, published by Simon & Schuster. She published **What Women Need to Know**, (Simon & Schuster) in 1997. Dr. Legato is the founder of **The Journal of Gender-Specific Medicine** published for the scientific community and selected in 2001 by the National Library of Medicine and Elsevier Science to be indexed and included in their worldwide databases, MEDLINE and EMBASE; and founder and editor of the Partnership's new journal, **Gender Medicine**, published by Elsevier. She wrote her book for the lay public on gender-specific medicine, **Eve's Rib**, published by Harmony Books in 2003. She is the Editor of **Principles of Gender-Specific Medicine**, written for the professional community and published by the Academic Press in 2004. Her newest book, **Why Men Never Remember and Women Never Forget**, published by Rodale, has just been released.

She is a practicing internist in New York City and has been listed in **New York Magazine's** list of Best Doctors for eight consecutive years, most recently in 2005.