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## **2024 Marion Spencer Fay Award Honoree: Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPhil**



Reshma Jagsi, MD, DPhil, is the Lawrence Davis Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Emory University. A physician, bioethicist and social scientist who has tirelessly championed gender equity in academic medicine, she is the author of over 450 articles in peer-reviewed journals, including multiple high-impact studies in journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Lancet* and *JAMA*. Her research has been funded by a U54, P01 and multiple R01 grants from the National Institutes of Health as well as large independent grants from several philanthropic foundations, including the Doris Duke Foundation, for which she serves as the national

program evaluator for its Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists.

She has mentored dozens of others in research investigating women's under-representation in senior positions in academic medicine and the mechanisms that must be targeted to promote equity. Active in organized medicine, she has served on the Steering Committee of the AAMC's Group on Women in Medicine in Science and now serves on the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine's Committee on Women in Science, Engineering and Medicine and the NIH Advisory Committee for Research on Women's Health.

Dr. Jagsi graduated first in her class from Harvard College and then pursued her medical training at Harvard Medical School. She served as a fellow in the Center for Ethics at Harvard University and completed her doctorate in social policy at Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar. As a faculty member at the University of Michigan,

she was the director of its Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine and continues to co-direct its M-PACT program.

Internationally recognized for her work as a clinical trialist and health services researcher in the field of breast cancer, Dr. Jagsi focuses her clinical research on improving quality of care, both by advancing the ways in which breast cancer is treated with radiation and by advancing the understanding of patient decision-making, cost and access to appropriate care. Dr. Jagsi is active in leading National Cancer Institute cooperative group trials, serving as a member of the Steering Committee of the Early Breast Cancer Trialists Collaborative Group and a Susan G. Komen Senior Scholar. She is also a 2020 graduate of Drexel University College of Medicine's Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program.

Her contributions have been recognized with her election to the American Society of Clinical Investigation and Association of American Physicians, the Leadership Award of the AAMC's Group on Women in Medicine and Science, LEAD Oncology's Woman of the Year Award, AMWA's Woman in Science Award, and AMSA's Women Leaders Award. A sought-after lecturer, she has delivered over 250 invited presentations, including keynote or plenary talks at the NIH, the National Academies, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the American Medical Association and for well over a hundred academic departments, schools and medical specialty organizations in the U.S. and abroad. Her work is also frequently featured in the popular media, including coverage by the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, National Public Radio and national network nightly news. She is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Society for Radiation Oncology, the American Association for Women in Radiology and the Hastings Center.

Dr. Jagsi is being honored with the 2024 Marion Spencer Fay Award for her transformative and uniquely impactful research, clinical care and leadership, and her work identifying and eliminating gender and racial disparities in both patient outcomes and career advancement in the medical profession, as well as her demonstrated commitment to mentorship. Her visionary and inspiring leadership embodies the legacy of Dr. Marion Spencer Fay.