

# Jane's Story...

Jane C.K. Fitch, M.D., is Professor and Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, and has served in this position since November 12, 2001. She received her medical education at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, Texas; completed anesthesiology internship training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston, followed by a residency and fellowship in cardiovascular and thoracic anesthesiology at the University of Washington in Seattle. She has served on the faculty at both Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut, and at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Clinically, she is a Board-certified adult Cardiovascular and Thoracic anesthesiologist, certified in preoperative transesophageal echo, and has served as the Division Chief for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anesthesiology for Baylor College



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Dr. Fitch's research areas of expertise are inflammation, ischemia/reperfusion, coagulation and coagulation monitoring.

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine committees on which she serves include: Combined Dean's, Faculty Board, Management, Advisory Board, Graduate Medical Education, and she is chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee. Currently, she serves as Chief of the Anesthesia Service and as Medical Director of the ORs for OU Medical Center. Dr. Fitch currently holds, several state and national political positions with organized medicine.

*In Jane's own words:*

"In one word I would describe my ELAM experience as priceless. I attended ELAM as

an Associate Professor and Vice Chair of a department. It was at the closing session on "Emerging Healthcare Issues" that I met the Dean who would end up offering me a Chair position, as well as an endowed professor position. Networking is one of the best benefits of ELAM. To this day, I still use my ELAM/ELUM community. Whenever I need to know information about an institution, the first folks I go to are ELUMs or current fellows at that institution!

*"My ELAM experience... priceless"*

This is why it is important to give to ELAM. I give to ELAM because I feel it is a valuable program helping to advance women in leadership positions. ELAM does it all. I hope to be able to have ELAM continue its mission for as many years as it is needed."

*Jane C.K. Fitch M.D.*

*...supporting a legacy of women's leadership*

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As we celebrate the successes of ELUMs, we recognize that our work remains far from done. Along with preparing women for roles as leaders and change agents, we are committed to provide continuing stewardship of your leadership journeys. With your help, we will begin to plan a range of activities focusing on ELUMs by:

**Building the ELAM Community:** expanding support for national and regional face-to-face meetings of ELAM alumnae with seed grants from our new Legacy Fund as well as more powerful virtual connections

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