

## Monica Morrow '74

Monica Morrow, of Chicago, Ill., is professor of surgery and director of clinical breast programs at Northwestern University Medical School and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and director of the Lynn Sage Breast Center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. A member of the Penn State-Jefferson Five-Year Cooperative Medical Program, she graduated premed from Penn State in 1974, magna cum laude, and received her M.D. from Jefferson Medical College. In 2001, Penn State's Eberly College of Science named Morrow an Alumni Fellow.



Morrow organizes the diagnosis and surgical treatment services for approximately 650-700 newly diagnosed breast cancer patients annually, as well as services for women at increased risk of breast cancer. She directs clinical research activities in the breast center and has been responsible for more than \$15 million of research funding in the past five years. She is the co-principal-investigator of one of seven NCI-funded Specialized Programs of Research Excellence in Breast Cancer in the United States.

The first surgeon ever invited to join the National Cancer Policy Board of the Institute of Medicine, Morrow brings a passion to her work that is unsurpassed. She has said "My work is challenging on an intellectual level, and it is also very rewarding to leverage research dollars, and to see my work make a difference to women negotiating the great anxiety of a breast cancer diagnosis."

One of Morrow's focuses is ensuring that all American women have access to the best quality breast cancer care. This work has been recognized by a \$4.3 million grant award from the Department of Defense to Breast Centers of Excellence. In addition, The Avon Foundation named Morrow a leader of an outstanding breast center and now provides \$1 million annually for research. Her work has been recognized with numerous leadership positions including serving as director of the Cancer Department of the American College of Surgeons and executive director of the American Joint Committee on Cancer both from 1999 to 2001.

Morrow has an exceptional record of academic achievement. The co-editor of two books, including *Disease of the Breast*, the best-selling textbook in the breast cancer field, she serves on the editorial boards of 15 journals, and has published 170 papers, editorials, and book chapters. She has worked extensively from local to international levels to educate both her peers and the public through publishing and an intensive speaking schedule including the Oliver Cope Lecture at the Massachusetts General Hospital, the William Erb Sr. Lecture of the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, the Oliver Beahrs Lecture at the Mayo Clinic, as well as the Foundation Lecture of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. In recent years, she has been an invited speaker at the German National Cancer Society, the Argentinean Conference on Cancer, the European Breast Cancer Conference, and the Japanese Breast Cancer Society. In 2000 she was one of two surgeons invited to address the National Institutes of Health Consensus Panel on Adjuvant Therapy of Primary Breast Cancer. Morrow has been named in the best doctors' lists of *Good Housekeeping*, *Town and Country*, and *Chicago* magazines.

Advancing cancer research through volunteer activities, she presently serves on the *Women's Day* Magazine Health Advisory Board, the James Ewing Foundation Board of Directors, and is medical advisor of the Y-Me Organization for Breast Cancer Information and Support. She has also established a breast cancer Second-Opinion Program for medically indigent women with funds from The Avon Foundation.

Morrow is married to V. Craig Jordan—the Diana, Princess of Wales Professor of Cancer Research and director of breast cancer research at Northwestern University Medical School. Morrow's father, J. Robert, and her sister, Jill, both graduated from Penn State.

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