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#### Harvard Physician-Scientist Named Dean of Duke University School of Medicine

DURHAM, N.C. – Nancy C. Andrews, M.D., Ph.D., an internationally renowned researcher and dean for Basic Sciences and Graduate Studies at Harvard Medical School, has been named dean of the Duke University School of Medicine. Andrews, 48, is the first woman to be appointed dean of Duke's School of Medicine and becomes the only woman to lead one of the nation's top 10 medical schools.



## **Climbing through Medicine's Glass Ceiling**

Nancy C. Andrews, M.D., Ph.D.

E arlier this year, I was named the first female dean of the Duke University School of Medicine, an event that National Public Radio summed up in the headline: "Andrews Makes History at Duke Med School." Why should the appointment of a woman dean still be big news in 2007? Perhaps because, with a few localized exceptions, there has been little change since the 1970s in the barriers to women's full participation in academic medicine.

To accelerate the emergence of female deans, institutions will need to consider women who have not stepped on every rung of the traditional academic career ladder.

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#### Progress and Promise: Women in Academic Medicine