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The National Library of Medicine produced *Rise, Serve, Lead! America's Women Physicians*, guest curated by public historian Ashley Bowen, PhD (editor of *Perspectives on History*).

The traveling banner exhibition and companion website highlight the lives and achievements of women physicians in the U.S. who have made a difference through their medical practice and research, work as activists, service as administrators, and mentorship to the next generation of doctors. *Rise, Serve, Lead!* includes a selection of the women featured in the 2003 NLM exhibition *Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians*, encouraging today's audiences to connect with the work of these pioneers.

[The companion website](#) showcases the biographies of more than 300 women doctors who have made their mark on the profession. The online exhibition also includes an [education component](#) with a K-12 lesson plan about first woman doctor Elisabeth Blackwell, and a [digital gallery](#) that features a curated selection of fully digitized items from the historical collections of the NLM, which are also available in their entirety in [NLM Digital Collections](#).

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Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910) was the first woman to earn an MD degree from an American medical school.

Courtesy National Library of Medicine



Swearing in ceremony for Antonia C. Novello (born 1944) as Surgeon General of the United States, March 9, 1990.

Courtesy Antonia C. Novello, MD, MPH, DrPH



Dr. Matilda Arabella Evans (1872-1935) was the first African American woman licensed to practice medicine in South Carolina. Dr. Evans founded the first Black hospital in the city of Columbia.

Courtesy South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia