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Wisconsin Medical Society honors Gloria Halverson, MD, as Physician Citizen of the Year

MADISON — The Wisconsin Medical Society honored Gloria Halverson, MD, of Milwaukee, as its 2018 Physician Citizen of the Year during its Annual Meeting April 14 in Madison.

The Physician Citizen of the Year is awarded annually to recognize physicians for the civic, economic and charitable services they provide to improve their communities beyond their regular practice.

Doctor Halverson was recognized for her leadership, both in paving the way for women in medicine and for the humanitarian work she has done since the early 1990s.

“There are myriad roles she has played as a physician and contributor to society, but in my opinion, the most important is her work to help victims of human trafficking and how she brought together resources, experience, medical care, technology and her undeterred attention to the suffering, shackled poor,” said colleague Kesavan Kutty, MD, in his nomination.

Doctor Halverson was the first married woman admitted to Marquette Medical School in 1969 and the first woman obstetrics/gynecology resident at the Medical College of Wisconsin. More recently, she has been very involved working with victims of human trafficking both internationally and in the United States. Through Global Health Outreach, she has led 11 medical teams to Nicaragua to provide services such as gynecology, pediatric care, dentistry, physical therapy, ultrasound, labs and medications at House of Hope, a holistic recovery/rehabilitation shelter for trafficked women and children.

When she learned that most women in Nicaragua do not have access to early screening and treatment for cervical cancer, Dr. Halverson established a program to provide screening pap smears and treatment of abnormalities. She also has authored curriculums and medical textbook chapters, and lectures to student and medical groups on how to identify and treat victims of trafficking.

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“I think it is clear that Dr. Halverson has been a leader in medicine and a true champion, not only for her patients locally, but for the poor and victimized globally and in her community,” said Immediate Past President Noel Deep, MD, when he presented the award. “She exemplifies everything we look for in a Physician Citizen of the Year.”

With more than 12,500 members dedicated to the best interests of their patients, the [Wisconsin Medical Society](#) is the largest association of physicians in the state and a trusted source for health policy leadership since 1841.

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