Annabelle Santos Volgman, MD

Dr. Annabelle Santos Volgman is the co-founder and medical director of the Rush Heart Center for Women, the first heart program in Chicago devoted exclusively to women that opened in 2003. She is the Madeleine and James M. McMullan-Carl E. Eybel, MD, Professor of Excellence in Clinical Cardiology at Rush and a nationally recognized leader in cardiology care and research. She is the Vice-Chief for Academic Affairs in the Division of Cardiology. A fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association, Dr. Volgman has dedicated her career to helping women and their families lead healthier lives through the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Volgman received her undergraduate degree with honors from Barnard College and her medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. She completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Chicago and was fellowship trained in cardiology and clinical electrophysiology at Northwestern University.

A passionate researcher and leading advocate in the prevention of heart disease in women, Dr. Volgman has written and published numerous abstracts, articles, and OpEds for scientific peers and mass audiences.

Since its beginning in the early 2000s, Dr. Volgman has been a prominent leader in the

American Heart Association’s “Go Red for Women” campaign that aims to inform women about cardiovascular disease risks and actions they can take to protect their health. To show her support for the Go Red campaign, Dr. Volgman wears red every day to remind people that heart disease remains the leading cause of death among women in the U.S.

Dr. Volgman has received numerous awards from her peers, including the American Heart Association and Rush University. Since 2006 she has consistently been recognized in Chicago magazine’s annual listing of “Top Doctors” and earned similar accolades in Women’s Health Magazine. She has been listed in Castle Connolly’s Exceptional Women in Medicine since 2020. Dr. Volgman was featured in O Magazine as Ms. Oprah Winfrey’s cardiologist in 2002. Among her awards are the national 2019 WomenHeart Wenger Award for Innovation in Heart Care for Women and the 2020 Woman’s Day Red Dress Award. She was honored with the 2022 McCue Award for Woman Cardiologist of the Year, a program of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health Pauley Heart Center. Dr. Volgman remains heavily involved in many local and national causes, serving on the national scientific advisory board of WomenHeart, several national leadership committees of the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, and Chicago nonprofit institutions. She was elected governor of the Illinois American College of Cardiology and started her term in April 2021.