



**Women's Health**  
Council of RI

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**Women's Health Council of RI seeking nominees  
for innovation in women's health award**

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – Nominations are being accepted for the Karen Rosene Montella, M.D., Spark Award for Innovation in Women's Health in RI. The distinction recognizes innovative services, processes or programs that improve medical, behavioral and/or social health for Rhode Island women of all ages.

Named for Rosene Montella, M.D., senior vice president of women's services and clinical integration at Lifespan and professor and vice chair of medicine and director of obstetric medicine at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, the award focuses on health and socioeconomic disparities in the community. It is an acknowledgement of a provider's efforts to remove barriers to care or broaden the reach of existing care centers; link providers in care delivery and coordination; and engage patients and the community. Rosene Montella helped found the Women's Health Council of RI, serving as chair since its inception in 2008.

"We have no shortage in Rhode Island of compassionate providers working hard every day to ensure a broad spectrum of women receive high-quality, comprehensive care," said Peg Miller, M.D., FACP, director of Lifespan's Women's Medicine Collaborative and co-chair of the Women's Health Council of RI. "Through this award, we'd like to call attention to those committed providers for their valued contributions to raising the bar on women's health in our state."

Any provider or provider organization that cares for the social, medical and behavioral health of women and/or girls in Rhode Island is eligible for the award, including direct caregivers, payors or policy makers who work in institutions or the community such as educators, public health professionals, or social service providers. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Completed nomination forms can be emailed to Krystal Branco at [kbranco@lifespan.org](mailto:kbranco@lifespan.org). The deadline is August 1.

For more information, visit [www.womenshealthcouncil.org](http://www.womenshealthcouncil.org) or contact Krystal via email or phone at 401-793-7382.

**About the Women's Health Council of RI**

The mission of the [Women's Health Council of RI](#) is to bring more cost effective, evidence-based improvements for women's health care into integrated practice through research, education, clinical care, and policy and advocacy.

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