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School of Medicine Surgeons Featured in *Cosmo* and *Good Housekeeping*

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LAS VEGAS - Now the rest of the U.S. will know what we at the medical school have known all along -- some of the most talented and respected surgeons in America can be found here at the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

Dr. Julie Swain, professor of surgery and the only female cardiac surgeon in Nevada, is featured in the August issue of *Cosmopolitan*. Dr. Alex Little, chairman of the surgery department, will receive the *Good Housekeeping* seal of approval in the magazine's September issue for being named one of the 400 best cancer doctors in America.

This will mark the second *Cosmo* appearance for Dr. Swain. She was first featured in 1975 when, at age 25, she was a first-year resident at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, a protegee of renown heart surgeon Dr. Michael E. DeBakey. Of more than 6,000 board-certified thoracic surgeons in the U.S. today, only 55 are women (that number was 18 as late as 1986). *Cosmo* writer Maxine Abrams interviewed Dr. Swain and 14 other women doctors on their diet and exercise regimens for the issue now on newsstands.

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Among those also featured is Dr. Judith Swain, Julie Swain's identical twin, who is a cardiologist at the University of Pennsylvania hospital.

Physicians from throughout the U.S. were surveyed to come up with a list of the best 400 cancer doctors in the country for *Good Housekeeping* magazine, according to spokeswoman Kathy Clark. According to Clark, a surgeon, an oncologist and a radiology oncologist are listed under each cancer disease category. Dr. Little is listed under the lung cancer category as a thoracic surgeon.

Dr. Little was president of the 13,000-member American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) when the organization became the first to file a friend-of-the-court brief in *Thomas Cippollone v. Phillip Morris*. The case, which was recently ruled in favor of the Cippollone family, was the only U.S. Supreme Court case to address the adverse health effects of cigarette smoking.