

SINCE SHORTLY AFTER 1968, Robert A. Hatcher MD, MPH has been a Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Emory University School of Medicine, and during most of that time, he was director of the Emory University Family Planning Program.

He has provided expert and compassionate clinical care for thousands of patients, has helped educate generations of women's health and family planning clinicians, and has published extensively.

He is best known nationally for his book *Contraceptive Technology*, now in its 20th edition. He received the Rockefeller Public Service Award in 1981.

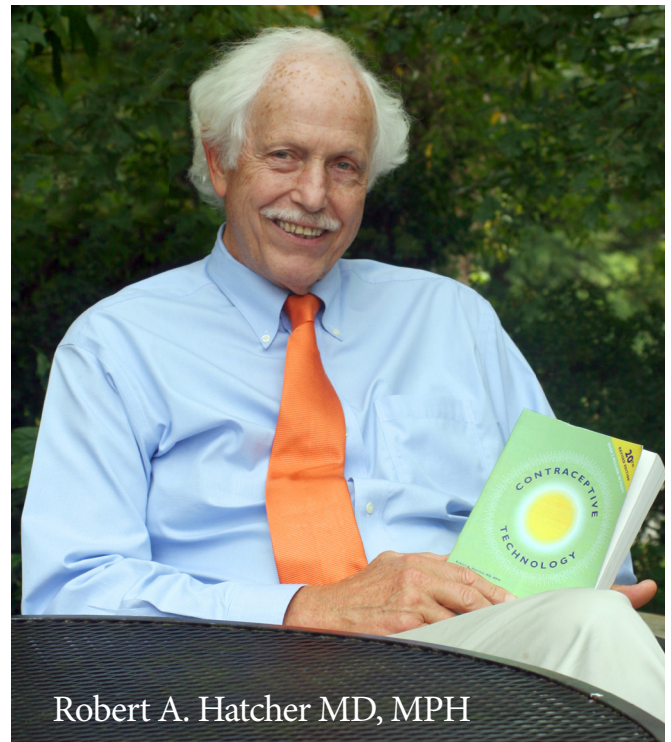
The Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics of the Emory University School of Medicine is establishing an endowed chair in his name: the Robert A. Hatcher Chair in Family Planning & Reproductive Health.

Dr. Hatcher began his remarkable career of scholarship and service at Williams College, graduating Phi Beta Kappa among other honors. As early indicators of his broad-reaching interests, he served as co-captain of the Williams track team, was New England Heavyweight wrestling champion in 1957 and 1959, and was tight end and fullback on the football team. Bob later served on the Board of Trustees of Williams. He received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1963, where he received Cornell's Good Physician Award, bestowed by his classmates.

Bob interned at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, where he completed a residency in pediatrics. After a tour of duty as an officer in the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the U.S. Public Health Service from 1966 to 1968, he returned to the Gynecology and Obstetrics Department at Emory. He went on to receive a master's in public health from the University of California at Berkeley in 1973. He later was named a Visiting Scientist at the Division of Reproductive Health of the Centers for Disease Control.

During his career, Dr. Hatcher has worked diligently to inform and educate tomorrow's leaders about subjects near and dear to his heart. In his quest to get young people to "sign up for life" early in their careers, he initiated and hosted the Emory University Summer Program in Family Planning and Human Sexuality in 1966. For some 30 years, this ten-week summer learning experience annually drew 20 to 25 undergraduates, graduate students, and medical students from across the United States and from many foreign countries, with the exception of 1996 when the Olympic Games brought the world to Atlanta.

On the global level, Dr. Hatcher has served as an international consultant on family planning. He was senior author of two editions of *Family Planning Methods and Practices: Africa* and consulted with officials for the Oral Contraceptive Pill Project of the Indian Medical Association.



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He also assisted in the development of the National Family Planning Service Guidelines for Egypt. He has been on numerous boards, including the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, and the Center for Population Options.

Dr. Hatcher is one of two individuals who founded the first Atlanta chapter of I Have a Dream, a nonprofit organization, and served as vice president. Through this project, Dr. Hatcher, along with Llewellyn P. Haden, adopted the fifth-grade class of 47 students at Toomer Elementary School in 1987. The school is located in one of Atlanta's most impoverished neighborhoods. Through this program, students who stayed with their high school education through graduation were guaranteed funding for college. More than 20 of the students went on to college.

Bob is focusing now on reinventing himself yet again. The new Bob is readily apparent in the questions he answers at www.managingcontraception.com, in his teaching, and in his books. His new focus is on the Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives or LARC methods (also called the "Get It and Forget It Contraceptives.") Formally, these methods are called the Copper T 380A IUD or ParaGard, the levonogestrel IUD called Mirena, and the new etonogestrel implant called Nexplanon.

Bob's hope is that these more effective long-acting methods will reduce unintended pregnancies in our country.