Linda S. Brodsky, M.D.

Many throughout Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, Kaleida Health, our community and country were saddened to learn of the passing on Thursday, February 13, 2014 of Linda S. Brodsky, M.D., a prominent caregiver, researcher, professor, clinician and advocate for women in the field of medicine.

As Director of Otolaryngology for Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo beginning in 1987, Dr. Brodsky was an early physician leader in the development of the hospital’s center for pediatric quality established to identify quality and patient safety initiatives for patients and their families. Today, this effort has transformed into a multidisciplinary Quality & Patient Safety Council.

Dr. Brodsky earned tenure at the State University of New York at Buffalo Medical School in 1990 and was appointed a Full Professor of Otolaryngology and Pediatrics in 1996. She was the first woman in the UB Medical School to achieve rank of Professor in a surgical discipline.

In addition, Dr. Brodsky authored books on multidisciplinary programs in areas such as craniofacial anomalies and pediatric swallowing. Dr. Brodsky’s expertise in craniofacial anomalies resulted in families from throughout world arriving in Buffalo to receive care for this very specialized health problem.

Through these and other efforts, Dr. Brodsky received numerous awards and recognition as an advocate for women in medicine issues, including the American Medical Women’s Association Award and the United States Congress’ National “Local Legends” Award after being nominated by three representatives of Congress, including Congressman Thomas M. Reynolds, Congresswoman Louis Slaughter and Congressman Charles Rangel.

Dr. Linda Brodsky, due to her many accomplishments on behalf of Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, her many patients who now have an improved quality of life, her many medical students who themselves are now sharing her commitment to being a caregiver with their patients, and her many colleagues throughout our country and the world who are better now because of her passion, dedication and expertise she shared will us all.

We wish to express our sincerest condolences to her husband, Dr. Saul Greenfield, their three children and their family during this difficult time.