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The Swartz Collegiate Professorship, in recognition of Dr. Swartz’s great skills as a teacher and mentor, and his humanity and passionate dedication to medicine and his patients, will be awarded to a member of the faculty whose primary responsibilities will be in clinical teaching, working closely with our nephrology fellows to give them every opportunity to become the outstanding clinicians of tomorrow. This professorship will allow the recipient to dedicate substantial effort to clinical teaching.

Rick Swartz earned his medical degree at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1970 and spent the next five years as a resident in internal medicine at Boston City Hospital, affiliated with the Harvard Medical School. He then completed a year-long fellowship in nephrology at Beth Israel Hospital, also affiliated with Harvard. Upon completion of his fellowship, Dr. Swartz returned to his alma mater, where he has been a highly respected member of the nephrology faculty for more than 30 years.

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