When Mary Klotman was named chair of the Department of Medicine at Duke in 2010, she became the first woman to hold the position. While that was a noteworthy distinction, her accomplishments as an HIV researcher and leader of the largest department within Duke University School of Medicine are those for which her colleagues believe she will be best remembered.

Since taking on the role of chair, Klotman has made it a priority to encourage collaboration among faculty across disciplines in order to strengthen Duke’s research capabilities. She also has worked to bridge research efforts within the School of Medicine with the clinical care work of the health system.

Highly respected for her commitment to the success of investigators at Duke, Klotman has supported new interdisciplinary research awards and faculty development programs, including the Department of Medicine Faculty Development Academy and Research Development Council. Both initiatives provide junior faculty members with mentors who offer grant preparation assistance and career guidance.

An expert in infectious diseases and HIV, Klotman focuses her research on the molecular pathogenesis of HIV-1 infection. Among the many noteworthy contributions she has made to this field, Klotman and her team demonstrated that HIV resides in and evolves separately in kidney cells, a critical step in HIV-associated kidney disease.

Klotman’s early career included serving as an assistant professor of medicine for five years at Duke before moving on to the National Institutes of Health, where she was a member of the Public Health Service. Prior to returning to Duke in 2010, Klotman had served as chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Mount Sinai School of Medicine for 13 years.

She was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine in 2014 and to the Association of American Physicians in 2005. Klotman is a councilor of the Association of American Physicians and president-elect of the Association of Professors of Medicine.

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