

# Olga Stastny

Olga Stastny was born on September 13, 1878 in Wilber, Nebraska, a major center of Czech immigrants to the United States. After the death of her husband, she enrolled in the University of Nebraska's College of Medicine. Stastny was the only woman in her graduating class. In 1914, she opened a private practice and became an active member of the fledgling Medical Women's National Association, promoting equal opportunities for female doctors. In 1919, Stastny went to France, serving at an American hospital near Paris. After her time in France, Stastny went to Prague, serving in various social service and medical capacities. However, after the death of her son, Stastny returned to the United States. In 1925, Stastny joined the faculty at her alma mater, the University of Nebraska School of Medicine. She retired from education and medicine in 1943 and died in 1952.



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