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Choosing to Test:

Dr. A. P. Satterthwaite and the First Birth Control Pill Clinical Trials in Humacao, Puerto Rico

In 1952, Dr. Adaline Pendleton Satterthwaite left the continental United States and went to Puerto Rico to work as an OB-GYN at Ryder Memorial Hospital in Humacao. She continued her work there through the early 1960s, but in 1957 she took on an additional job as Director of Family Planning Clinic and Research in Contraceptive Methods. In this capacity, Satterthwaite oversaw clinical trials of G.D. Searle & Co.'s Enovid, the first Food and Drug Administration approved oral contraceptive. **How did Satterthwaite, working at a Protestant mission hospital in Puerto Rico, become one of the key architects of the first birth control pill?**

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12 - 1 pm lecture and Q&A

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