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Dr. Swartz is a cardiologist and medical educator. He spent 34 years at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City before coming to NYCPM in 2004. His area of expertise in medical education is performance-based teaching and assessment using standardized patients. He is most well-known for his Textbook of Physical Diagnosis: History & Examination, now in its 7th edition; it has been translated into 16 languages. He lectures nationally and internationally, and has received many awards and honors for his teaching skills.

At NYCPM and FCNY, Dr. Swartz is responsible for maintaining the professional level of both the school and the clinics. He is the Director of the Second Year Physical Assessment course as well as the Co-Director (with Dr. Eileen Chusid) of the Pathophysiology course, a program he introduced about nine years ago.