MDADVANTAGE HONORS NEW JERSEY’S HEALTHCARE LEADERS WITH PRESTIGIOUS “EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE” AWARDS

$85,000 Raised for New Jersey Healthcare Scholarship Recipients

Lawrenceville, NJ, May 15, 2014 – A group of outstanding New Jerseyans were lauded when the 75th Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® honored physicians and healthcare leaders at a black-tie event on May 7th. These coveted awards are among the highest honors given in New Jersey’s medical community. MDAdvantage®, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey, sponsors the state’s longest-running medical awards program to recognize New Jersey’s healthcare efforts.

In addition to the awards bestowed upon this year’s honorees, seven New Jersey healthcare students were selected as recipients of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund. This year’s fundraising efforts enabled the Foundation to donate $85,000 to fund scholarships at seven New Jersey medical school, dental school and physician assistant programs.

“I am so grateful for the strong support we received this year,” said Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage. “In particular, our Scholarship Honor Roll members, including Excellence in Medicine Society member Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C., along with Healthcare Champion Society members Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital & Robert Wood Johnson Health System (in honor of Stephen K. Jones, FACHE) and Dr. and Mrs. George F. Heinrich, came through to join MDAdvantage in investing in the future of New Jersey medicine.”

The 2014 honorees included:

- **Outstanding Medical Educator Award**: David E. Swee, MD, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development, Associate Dean for Education and Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
- **Outstanding Medical Executive Award**: Stephen K. Jones, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson Health System.
- **Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award**: George F. Heinrich, MD, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Health Foundation, and Associate Dean for Admissions and Adjunct Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.
- **Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award**: Executive Director Faith W. Rice, on behalf of the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders.
- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research**: Peter Lobel, PhD, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Rutgers Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine.
- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research**: Frederick F. Buechel, Sr., MD, orthopaedic surgeon, South Mountain Orthopaedic
Associates, and Clinical Professor, Department of Orthopaedics at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.

- **Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award®**: Donald M. Chervenak, MD, obstetrician/gynecologist at Florham Park OB/GYN and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.

The 2014 scholarship recipients are:
- Sarah Armenia (Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences)
- Matthew Chase (Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School)
- Christine Chen (Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine)
- Andrea Lewis (Rutgers School of Health Related Professions)
- Leila Mady (Rutgers New Jersey Medical School)
- Sandra Pena (Cooper Medical School of Rowan University)
- Melissa Shah (Rutgers School of Dental Medicine)

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, stated, “We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of our contributors, advertisers and, especially, the scholarship honor roll members who support the awards program each year. This year we proudly invest in our latest class of scholarship recipients, bringing our total scholarship contributions to $320,000 over the last five years.”

The Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2015 awards program. The deadline for submissions is August 15, 2014. For more information on the awards program and the nomination process, visit [www.EJIawards.org](http://www.EJIawards.org).

To learn more about this year’s honorees and their perspectives on healthcare, see the Spring 2014 issue of *MDAdvisor*. For more information on *MDAdvisor*, including subscription and advertisement opportunities, go to [www.MDAdvantageonline.com/MDAdvisor](http://www.MDAdvantageonline.com/MDAdvisor).

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