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**MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2014 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS
EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS**

***Donald M. Chervenak, MD,
of Florham Park OB/GYN and
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Among Honorees***

Lawrenceville, NJ, February 14, 2014 – Carrying forward a 75-year tradition of recognizing exceptional physicians and leaders in healthcare, MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey (www.MDAdvantageonline.com) today announced the 2014 honorees for the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® (www.EJIAwards.org).

The Excellence in Medicine Awards are named after Edward J. Ill, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that set the national standard. Every year since 1939, exemplary New Jersey physicians and leaders whose dedication to education, research and public service have significantly impacted the delivery of healthcare in the state and around the nation have been honored. This annual event has been sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey since 2003.

Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage, stated, “MDAdvantage is a proud and committed supporter of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards. For 75 years, this awards program has honored the legacy of New Jersey healthcare leaders. The accomplishments of this year’s honorees exemplify the progress and the contributions that have been made by New Jersey’s extraordinary talent.”

Among those being honored this year is Donald M. Chervenak, MD, an obstetrician/gynecologist at Florham Park OB/GYN and a Clinical Assistant Professor of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, who will receive the Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award®. The award is presented to a citizen or group of citizens of New Jersey who merits recognition for distinguished service in advancing and promoting the health and well-being of the people of our state.

Also being honored are:

- **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
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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.

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, stated, “The mission of the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® is not only to highlight the remarkable accomplishments of our honorees, but also to support the future of medicine in New Jersey. As healthcare leaders, we have an obligation to pave the way for our future healthcare providers so that they may continue the tradition of quality healthcare delivery and innovation in our state.”

This year’s awards will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards ceremony on May 7, 2014, at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. All profits from the event will be dedicated to support seven medical and physician assistant student scholarships. To participate in the 2014 Excellence in Medicine Awards by purchasing tickets, an Honor Roll sponsorship or an advertisement in the awards journal, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIAwards.org.

The awards program is sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey. For more information on MDAdvantage, call 888-355-5551 or visit www.MDAdvantageonline.com.

Donald M. Chervenak, MD

Donald M. Chervenak, MD, is the founder of Florham Park OB/GYN and has delivered more than 4,000 babies. He has served as Clinical Chief of OB/GYN at Saint Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, New Jersey, and is a Clinical Associate Professor, Department of OB/GYN at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.

Dr. Chervenak obtained his medical degree and a double major BA degree in Medical Science and Psychology from the accelerated medical program at Boston University. He is President of the New Jersey OB/GYN Society and the Morris County Medical Society, and is a Trustee of the Medical Society of New Jersey. He is a Fellow of the American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is Vice Chair of that Congress, New Jersey Section. He founded the Boston University Primary Care Society. He established the first Political Action Committee for OB/GYNs in New Jersey.



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Dr. Chervenak has served as Chairman of the medical committees of Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey for more than 25 years. He helped oversee the daily operation of 10 clinics and the healthcare of more than 30,000 women per year. Dr. Chervenak chaired the New Jersey Medical Society Task Force, reinforcing the need for annual mammography for women between the ages of 40 and 50 and helped establish the Humanism Award for the same society. He has appeared on *60 Minutes*, as well as WNBC-TV and WABC News, commenting on health issues and medical malpractice.

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