Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards®
Guidelines for Nominations 2015

Overview

The Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® are awarded annually to honor those exemplary physicians and leaders whose dedication to patient care, education, research and public service have significantly impacted the delivery of healthcare in New Jersey and around the nation. The Awards program supports the Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund in recognition of a need to support healthcare education in New Jersey.

This event began in 1939 and has been sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey since 2003. The 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.

Awards

Each of the Foundation’s Awards recognizes “excellence in medicine” as manifested in the varied ways that may significantly impact the health and well-being of our citizens in New Jersey and nationally.

Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award® – Presented to a New Jersey physician who merits recognition for distinguished service as a leader in the medical profession and in the community.

Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award® – 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.

Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award – Presented to an individual who has personified, led and provided the vision for an organization, and to the organization served, for extraordinary commitment to improving the health and welfare of the citizens of New Jersey.

Outstanding Medical Educator Award – Presented to a medical educator who has made an outstanding contribution to graduate or undergraduate medical education in New Jersey.

Outstanding Medical Executive Award – Presented to an executive in a medically-related organization or field who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the enhancement of patient care and medical practice in New Jersey.

Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research – Presented to an individual who has made important contributions in clinical or translational research leading to advances in disease therapy.
Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research – 
Presented to an individual who has carried out biomedical research leading to important 
advances in biotechnology or in the understanding of disease processes.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be submitted by any individual or group. No one may submit more than 
one nomination for any award, in any year. The nomination must include all the following 
materials in order for the nominee to be considered for an award. Incomplete nomination 
submissions may be disqualified.

1. A letter (not more than two typewritten pages) describing the nominee’s 
   qualifications for the specific award.
2. The nominee’s resume or CV.
3. Written confirmation that the nominator has notified the candidate of his or her 
nomination for an award; and that if selected, the candidate has agreed to accept 
the award and attend the awards dinner.
4. Nominations for the Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award should 
   also contain information about the organization being nominated, including 
   outcomes or benchmark data that demonstrates the organization’s impact on the 
   community.

The Awards Committee relies on each candidate’s nominator to provide the information 
necessary to make an informed evaluation of that candidate. The nominator should 
clearly identify the areas of excellence and unique contributions that demonstrate the 
candidate’s qualifications.

Eligibility

Nominees should be residents of New Jersey, and/or the professional activities for which 
they are nominated should have been performed in New Jersey; and should meet the 
criteria for the Award for which they are nominated (as described above).

The following individuals are not eligible to receive an Award or to submit nominations, 
during the time of their relationship with the Company, or for two years 
afterward: members of the Awards Committee; and employees and members of the 
Board of Directors of the MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey. The following 
individuals are not eligible to receive an Award, during the time of their relationship with 
the Company, or for two years afterward: members of the Company’s advisory 
committees, and the Company’s consultants and contractors. The same restrictions will 
apply to the members of the immediate families of the above, including spouses, siblings, 
parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren or other family extension; and persons 
residing at the same household, whether or not related.
Renominations

Resubmission of a nomination the following year, or in any subsequent year, is encouraged, provided that a new and updated nomination package is submitted.

Submission of Nominations

All nomination information should be sent directly to the Chairman of the Awards Committee, at the following address:

Paul J. Hirsch, MD
Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation
c/o MDAdvantage
100 Franklin Corner Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-2104

Nominations may also be submitted electronically to Janet Puro at jpuro@EJIawards.org.

Nominations will be accepted through August 15, 2014.

Selection Criteria

The Awards Committee is comprised of an independent group of physicians and healthcare leaders who review each nomination thoroughly. The Awards Committee will select honorees and make a recommendation to the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation Board of Trustees. Typically, one nominee will be recommended for each category. However, if there is a particularly strong field in a category, two awardees may be selected at the Awards Committee’s discretion. The Board of Trustees will have the final approval on the slate of honorees.

The Awards Committee has broad discretion; and may re-assign a nominee to an Award category other than the one recommended by the nominator.

Selected awardees and the nominators of all candidates will be notified of the selection results by the week of December 8, 2014.

The award recipients will be recognized at a formal awards dinner on May 6, 2015. The selected honoree for each award must agree to be present at the Awards dinner on May 6, 2015; and additionally, provide active support for the scholarship program.

Profits from the awards dinner will be dedicated to the Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund. The Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation is committed to recruiting and retaining medical talent in New Jersey and keeping them here to practice in our state.
Supporting students is a perfect fit for the Excellence in Medicine Awards, especially in consideration of Dr. Ill’s devotion to furthering medical education at a time when there was no medical school in New Jersey. The scholarship fund enables us to bring the event full circle, in that by acknowledging the accomplishments of physicians and scientists in the prime of their careers, we are also inspiring our students to strive to make their own unique contributions.

For more information on the nomination process, the history of the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards®*, the Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund or a list of past recipients, log on to [www.EJIawards.org](http://www.EJIawards.org) or contact Janet Puro at 609-803-2350 or [jpuro@EJIawards.org](mailto:jpuro@EJIawards.org).