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MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2012 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS

Lawrenceville, NJ, December 27, 2012 – Carrying forward a longstanding tradition of recognizing exceptional physicians and leaders in healthcare, MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey (www.MDAdvantageonline.com) today announced the 2012 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 honored to sponsor this prestigious event. We proudly partner with Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Honor Roll members such as Kern, Augustine, Conroy & Schoppmann, PC, who share our commitment to investing in the future of medicine in New Jersey and to improving access to healthcare for New Jersey residents.”

The 2012 awardees are:

- **Outstanding Medical Educator Award:** *Jeffrey S. Abrams, MD*, Medical Director, Princeton Orthopaedic Associates, PA, Chief, Shoulder Surgery, SportsMedicine Princeton, Clinical Professor, Seton Hall University School of Graduate Education, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and attending surgeon, University Medical Center at Princeton.
 - **Outstanding Medical Executive Award:** *William F. Owen, MD*, former president of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)
 - **Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award®:** *Jeffrey C. Brenner, MD*, Executive Director, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers and Director, Institute of Urban Health at Cooper Hospital.
 - **Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award:** *Executive Director Judy Donlen, RN, DNSc, JD*, on behalf of the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative.
 - **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research:** *Paola Leone, PhD*, Associate Professor of Cell Biology and Director, Cell and Gene Therapy Center, UMDNJ – School of Osteopathic Medicine.
 - **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research:** *Jeffrey L. Carson, MD*, Richard C. Reynolds Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine, UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
 - **Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award®:** *Eve E. Slater, MD*, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and former Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
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Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, stated, "Once again, we are proud to acknowledge the many accomplishments and contributions of this year's honorees, and are looking forward to an outstanding awards program. Profits from the event will be dedicated to fund scholarships for six extremely talented and deserving students who represent the future of New Jersey healthcare."

This year's awards will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards ceremony on May 2, 2012 at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. To participate in the 2012 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.

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