MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2012 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS

Jeffrey S. Abrams, MD, of Princeton Orthopaedic Associates and Resident of Princeton Among Honorees


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. Once again this year, we look forward to recognizing 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.”

Among those being honored this year is Jeffrey S. Abrams, MD, Medical Director of Princeton Orthopaedic Associates, Chief of Shoulder Surgery at SportsMedicine Princeton, Clinical Professor at Seton Hall University School of Graduate Education Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, attending surgeon at University Medical Center at Princeton, and resident of Princeton, who will receive the Outstanding Medical Educator Award. The award is presented to a medical educator who has made an outstanding contribution to graduate or undergraduate medical education in New Jersey.

Also being honored are:

- **Outstanding Medical Executive Award**: William F. Owen, Jr., 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.

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](http://www.EJIawards.org).

### Jeffrey S. Abrams, MD

Jeffrey S. Abrams, MD, is a Clinical Professor at Seton Hall University School of Graduate Medicine and Attending Surgeon at the University Medical Center at Princeton. Dr. Abrams received his medical degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. After completing an orthopaedic residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, he enrolled in Fellowships at the University of Western Ontario, Aspen and Glenwood Springs Sports Medicine and the Hughston Sports Medicine Hospital.

Dr. Abrams has combined a busy community medical practice with educating surgeons interested in performing complex shoulder surgical techniques. Dr. Abrams joined Princeton Orthopaedic Associates in 1986. He has been named President Elect of American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons and is Treasurer and past Education Chairman of the Arthroscopy Association of North America. Dr. Abrams’ roles in these organizations include developing education programs for all levels ranging from residency to the physician in practice.

The educational role filled by Dr. Abrams includes conducting resident education, lecturing and performing live surgeries throughout the United States, South America, Asia and Europe. He has
published 60 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, and he works for the editorial staff for five nationally recognized orthopaedic journals. He is an active educator with the Society of Military Orthopaedic Surgeons (SOMOS), which educates surgeons representing the United States military forces. He has completed two textbooks on surgical techniques used to manage rotator cuff and associated pathology and the reconstruction of the unstable shoulder. Dr. Abrams has been instrumental in developing the role of arthroscopy and minimally invasive surgical techniques. He has designed equipment and has worked with companies to assist in providing safe techniques that have become state-of-the-art in community and university settings.