MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2012 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS

Eve E. Slater, MD,
Former U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Assistant Secretary for Health and
Resident of Short Hills 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 Eve E. Slater, MD, former Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and resident of Short Hills, 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**: 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, 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.

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.

Eve E. Slater, MD

Eve E. Slater, MD, is Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where she has taught for more than 25 years. She is board certified in internal medicine and cardiology. Dr. Slater has held positions at Pfizer as Senior Vice President, Worldwide Policy and at Merck as Executive Director of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and later, as Senior Vice President of Clinical and Regulatory Development and External Policy where she supervised all of Merck’s regulatory activities for more than a decade. Many of Merck’s major drugs, including statins, vaccines and HIV/AIDS medicines, received worldwide regulatory approval during her tenure. She was also responsible for drug safety. She supervised the Merck Manuals and OTC drug development with Johnson and Johnson Consumer Pharmaceuticals. She served as a member of the U.S. Keystone National Policy Dialogue on HIV, as well as the NIH Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

Dr. Slater was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2001 as Assistant Secretary for Health, the first woman to hold this Senate-confirmed position. In this role, she served as chief
health policy advisor to Secretary Tommy Thompson, with special contributions in biosecurity and electronic health records.

Dr. Slater received her BA (Phi Beta Kappa) from Vassar College, her MD (Alpha Omega Alpha) from Columbia and residency training at Massachusetts General Hospital where she was the first female Chief Resident in Medicine. She later led the Hypertension Unit as Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Slater currently serves on the boards of a number of foundations and biotech companies and has been nominated by Governor Chris Christie to the Board of UMDNJ.