

Arnold P. Gold, M.D. Recognized for “Excellence in Medicine”

Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association Announces 2007 Awardees

Lawrenceville, NJ – February 19, 2007 – Patricia A. Costante, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association, today announced that Arnold P. Gold, M.D. will receive the Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award. The award will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards™ ceremony on May 9, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

The Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award is presented annually to a New Jersey physician who merits recognition for distinguished service as a leader in the medical profession and in the community. Dr. Gold is Professor of Clinical Neurology and Pediatrics, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. He has significant expertise in child development, autism, cerebral vascular conditions and neurocutaneous disorders. Dr. Gold is also Chairman Emeritus and founder of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, whose mission is to promote humanistic patient care emphasizing the importance of the relationship between the practitioner and the patient. In 1993 the Foundation created the White Coat Ceremony, which has become a traditional rite of passage for medical students. Throughout North America students and faculty at 93 percent of American medical and osteopathy schools participate in at least one Gold Foundation program. The Foundation’s newest initiative (already at 45 percent of Schools of Medicine) is the Gold Humanism Honor Society which recognizes medical students, residents, physicians, and others in healthcare who are activists and change agents to improve patient care.

“Dr. Gold’s influence is not merely local to New Jersey, but is national and international in scope,” said Patricia Costante. “We are grateful to have this opportunity to honor one of the world’s leaders in medicine, humanism and ethics.”

The other 2007 awardees include:

- Outstanding Medical Educator Awards: Patricia Whitley-Williams, M.D. and Robert L. Trelstad, M.D.
- Outstanding Medical Executive Awards: Audrey R. Gotsch, Dr.P.H., CHES, dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health; and Joanne M. Conroy, M.D., Executive Vice President of Atlantic Health System and Chief Operating Officer of Morristown Memorial Hospital
- Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Citizen’s Award™: Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Betty Gallo
- Community Service Leader Award: Mark D. Peters II, Pharm.D. on behalf of Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership

The Excellence in Medicine Awards are named after Edward J. Ill, M.D., a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that set the national standard. To register for the event or to learn more about the awards, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIAwards.org. Profits from this year’s event will be donated to Camden Area Health Education Center, Inc. The awards program is sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.