

Audrey R. Gotsch, Dr.P.H., CHES To Receive Outstanding Medical Executive Award

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 Audrey R. Gotsch, Dr.P.H., CHES will receive an Outstanding Medical Executive 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 Outstanding Medical Executive Award is presented annually to an executive in a medically related organization or field who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the enhancement of patient care and medical practice. Dr. Gotsch was instrumental in the creation and accreditation of the University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ) School of Public Health as the first collaborative school of public health in the country. She has served as the school's dean since 1999; the school was established as the eighth school of UMDNJ in 1998. Dr. Gotsch is a past president of the American Public Health Association and is held in high regard by the public health community across the country.

“We are honored to have this opportunity to honor Dr. Gotsch and the UMDNJ School of Public Health,” stated Costante. “Her exemplary leadership skills have furthered the collaborative efforts between the medical and public health fields in New Jersey.”

The other 2007 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician's Award™: Arnold P. Gold, M.D.
- Outstanding Medical Educator Awards: Patricia Whitley-Williams, M.D. and Robert L. Trelstad, M.D.
- Outstanding Medical Executive Award: 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.