

## **GARY S. CARTER TO RECEIVE OUTSTANDING MEDICAL EXECUTIVE AWARD**

Lawrenceville, NJ – January 6, 2009 – Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, today announced that Gary S. Carter, FACHE, will receive an Outstanding Medical Executive Award. The award will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® ceremony on May 6, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

The Outstanding Medical Executive Award is presented to an executive in a medically related organization or field who is usually, but not necessarily, a layperson and who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the enhancement of patient care and medical practice in New Jersey. Gary Carter served as president and CEO of the Princeton-based, 111-member New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA) for 14 years, retiring in July 2008. Known as an association leader who built consensus and cooperation, Mr. Carter worked in New Jersey to improve hospital-physician relations and foster member advocacy on such issues as charity care funding, certificate of need reform and the needs of specialty hospitals. He also supported new community health initiatives and the public release of health outcome data. Mr. Carter served on various committees of the American Hospital Association and consulted The Joint Commission in its attempt to standardize clinical outcomes measurement.

“It is our honor to recognize Gary Carter for the leadership he provided to New Jersey,” stated Dr. Hirsch. “His commitment to advocating on behalf of New Jersey hospitals and improving New Jersey’s healthcare has impacted all of us who reside in the state.”

The other 2009 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award®: Kenneth G. Swan, MD
- Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award®: Fred M. Jacobs, MD, JD
- Outstanding Medical Educator Award: Nagaswami S. Vasani, DVM, PhD
- Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research: Joseph R. Bertino, MD
- Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research: Aaron J. Shatkin, PhD
- Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award: John W. Beckley, MPH, on behalf of Hunterdon County Partnership for Health
- Special Award: Jill A. Lipoti, PhD, for protecting the people of New Jersey from unnecessary exposure to radiation from natural and man-made sources

The awards will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® ceremony on May 6, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. To purchase tickets or advertisements for the event or to learn more about the awards, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit [www.EJlawards.org](http://www.EJlawards.org). Profits from this year’s event will benefit the Community Food Bank of New Jersey and the Joetta Clark Diggs Sports Foundation’s Head 2 Toe Fitness Program. The awards program is sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.

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