

Deepak V. Patel, MD to Receive Outstanding Medical Educator Award

Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association Announces 2008 Awardees

Lawrenceville, NJ – December 13, 2007 – Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association, today announced that Deepak V. Patel, MD, MSc Orth, MS Orth, D Orth, FCPS Orth will receive an Outstanding Medical Educator Award. The award will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards™ ceremony on May 7, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

The Outstanding Medical Educator Award is presented annually to a medical educator who has made an outstanding contribution to graduate and/or undergraduate medical education in New Jersey. Deepak Patel, MD is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon who was trained across three continents – Asia, Europe and North America. Currently, Dr. Patel is a professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, director of Orthopaedic and Musculoskeletal Research, and associate director of the Orthopaedic Residency Program at St. Joseph's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Paterson and Seton Hall University in South Orange. To date, he has given more than 100 podium presentations and has published 85 papers on various aspects of orthopaedic surgery in peer-reviewed national and international journals and textbooks.

“Dr. Patel is one of the top medical educators in our state,” stated Dr. Hirsch. “His devotion to his students and his love for medicine have made him an extraordinary teacher of physicians.”

The other 2008 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician's Award™: Walter J. Kahn, MD, FACS
- Outstanding Medical Educator Awards: Joel DeLisa, MD, MS
- Outstanding Medical Executive Awards: Judith Burgis and Eileen Moynihan, MD
- Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's Award™: Senator Peter A. Inverso
- Community Service Leader Awards: Henry Acosta, MA, MSW, LSW on behalf of the National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health and Monsignor William J. Linder on behalf of the New Community Corporation
- Special Award: Steven E. Ross, MD and Robert F. Ostrum, MD for the extraordinary trauma care provided to Governor Jon Corzine

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. 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 Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership. The awards program is sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.