EDWARD J. ILL EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE FOUNDATION
ANNOUNCES 2009 HONOREES

Lawrenceville, NJ, January 6, 2009 – Carrying forward a seventy year tradition of recognizing exceptional physicians and leaders in healthcare, the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation today announced the 2009 honorees for the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards®.

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.

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, stated, “We are once again humbled by the accomplishments of this year’s nominees and honorees, and are looking forward to an outstanding awards program. I am particularly excited about the addition of two Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Awards, which will be presented for the first time in 2009.”

The 2009 awardees are:

- 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. Vasan, 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
- Outstanding Medical Executive Award: Gary S. Carter, FACHE
- 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.EJIawards.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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