

Joel A. DeLisa, 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 Joel A. DeLisa, MD, MS 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. Dr. DeLisa is a widely recognized leader in physical medicine and rehabilitation and an experienced senior investigator, administrator and medical educator. Dr. DeLisa is president of the Kessler Medical Rehabilitation Research and Education Center and professor and chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, UMDNJ – New Jersey Medical School. Dr. DeLisa is a proficient author and has received numerous awards for his service to the medical community. He has been an invited speaker and keynote speaker for many national and international organizations.

“Dr. DeLisa has brought the physical medicine and rehabilitation residency and fellowship programs at the UMDNJ – New Jersey Medical School to a level of national recognition that is virtually unmatched, stated Dr. Hirsch. “He has made indelible contributions to the field of medical education in the United States.”

The other 2008 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award™: Walter J. Kahn, MD, FACS
- Outstanding Medical Educator Awards: Deepak V. Patel, MD
- 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 MDA Advantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.