
Judith Burgis To Receive Outstanding Medical Executive 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 Judith Burgis will receive an Outstanding Medical Executive 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 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. Judith Burgis is the senior vice president for Corporate Services at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital (RWJUH). Her current executive functions include strategic planning, government affairs and technology assessment. A 600-bed academic medical center, RWJUH is the principal hospital for the UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Ms. Burgis has more than 30 years of management experience in corporate and healthcare settings. She has been long concerned about New Jersey's reputation for healthcare as a corridor state sandwiched between Philadelphia and New York City and is a passionate advocate for patients. Ms. Burgis and the RWJUH hospital team have been credited for gaining state approvals to provide services not previously available in central New Jersey and for reducing out-of-state patient migration.

"It is our honor to recognize Judith Burgis as a top healthcare leader in our state," stated Dr. Hirsch. "Her commitment to improving healthcare access for New Jersey citizens has had an enormous impact on all of us."

The other 2008 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician's Award™: Walter J. Kahn, MD, FACS
- Outstanding Medical Educator Awards: Joel DeLisa, MD, MS and Deepak V. Patel, MD
- Outstanding Medical Executive Awards: 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.