

Senator Peter A. Inverso To Receive Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's 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 Senator Peter A. Inverso will receive the Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's 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 Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's Award™ is presented annually to a citizen or group of citizens of New Jersey who merits recognition for distinguished service in advancing and promoting the health and well-being of the people of our state. Senator Inverso has been a member of the New Jersey State Senate since January 1992 representing the 14th Legislative District. He has authored many pieces of hallmark legislation including Megan's Law and the FamilyCare health insurance initiative. Senator Inverso also serves as president and CEO of Roma Financial Corporation. He holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from The College of New Jersey. Senator Inverso is the immediate past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Robert Wood Johnson Health Care Corporation at Hamilton and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of Rider University. He has been honored by many community and charitable organizations.

“Senator Inverso is known throughout New Jersey for his outstanding community service,” stated Paul J. Hirsch, MD. “His distinguished career as a legislator and a public servant honors the memory of Senator Peter W. Rodino, Jr., for whom the Citizen's Award is named.”

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: Judith Burgis and Eileen Moynihan, MD
- 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.