
Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Betty Gallo To Receive Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Citizen's Award™

Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association Announces 2007 Awardees

Lawrenceville, NJ – February 19, 2007 – Patricia A. Costante, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Association, today announced that Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Betty Gallo 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 9, 2007 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. Congressman Frelinghuysen and Betty Gallo will be honored this year for their cooperative effort to establish and maintain the Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center, New Jersey's only specialized prostate health resource at a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Betty Gallo is the wife of the late Congressman Dean A. Gallo, 11th Congressional District of New Jersey, who died of prostate cancer in 1994. Since that time, she has worked tirelessly as an advocate for the prevention and cure of prostate cancer. Congressman Frelinghuysen (11th Congressional District) has been an advocate and supporter of the Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center since its inception.

“The Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center is vitally important to New Jersey and the nation as a leader in medical research,” said Patricia Costante. “The Center has provided life-saving education, treatment, and support staff to thousands of individuals.”

The other 2007 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician's Award™: Arnold P. Gold, M.D.
- Outstanding Medical Educator Awards: Patricia Whitley-Williams, M.D. and Robert L. Trelstad, M.D.
- Outstanding Medical Executive Awards: Audrey R. Gotsch, Dr.P.H., CHES, dean of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health; and Joanne M. Conroy, M.D., Executive Vice President of Atlantic Health System and Chief Operating Officer of Morristown Memorial Hospital
- Community Service Leader Award: Mark D. Peters II, Pharm.D. on behalf of Hunterdon County Medication Access Partnership

The Excellence in Medicine Awards are named after Edward J. Ill, M.D., 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 Camden Area Health Education Center, Inc. The awards program is sponsored by MDA Advantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.