

## **Robert L. Trelstad, M.D. To Receive Outstanding Medical Educator 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 Robert L. Trelstad, M.D. will receive an Outstanding Medical Educator 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 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. Robert L. Trelstad, M.D. served as Chair of Pathology at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS) for eighteen years and continues to the present as Professor of Pathology. He has been a visionary and a leader, advocating for the use of computers in education and medicine. Dr. Trelstad's passion and persistence have also led to the development of the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, of which he was the Acting Director from 1998 to 2005. The Institute opened on the campus of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in 2005.

In addition to his now 25 year position as a Professor of Pathology at RWJMS, he also holds the position of Chair of the Committee on Health Professions Advising at Princeton University. "Dr. Trelstad serves as a true example of an outstanding medical educator," stated Patricia Costante. "His commitment to students and teaching and his love for medicine have made him an extraordinary teacher of physicians."

The other 2007 awardees include:

- Edward J. Ill Physician's Award™: Arnold P. Gold, M.D.
- Outstanding Medical Educator Award: Patricia Whitley-Williams, 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
- Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Citizen's Award™: Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen and Betty Gallo
- 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](http://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 MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.