
Steven E. Ross, MD and Robert F. Ostrum MD to be Recognized for Care of Governor Corzine

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 Steven E. Ross, MD and Robert F. Ostrum, MD will be recognized with a Special Award for the extraordinary trauma care provided to Governor Jon Corzine. The award will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards™ ceremony on May 7, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

Steven E. Ross, MD is the acting chief of the Department of Surgery and the head of the Division of Trauma at Cooper University Hospital, as well as director of the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship. He is also professor of Surgery at UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Camden. Robert F. Ostrum, MD is director of Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery at Cooper University Hospital and professor of Surgery at UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Camden. Doctors Ross and Ostrum see critically injured patients in Cooper’s Level 1 Trauma Center, and led the team that provided life-saving trauma care to Governor Jon Corzine after injuries sustained in an April 12, 2007, motor vehicle accident.

“We are not only recognizing Dr. Ross and Dr. Ostrum for leading the trauma team in saving Governor Corzine’s life,” said Dr. Hirsch. “But we are also seizing this opportunity to highlight the extraordinary care that is provided by New Jersey’s Level 1 trauma centers on a daily basis.”

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
- 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

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 MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey.