

## **Walter J. Kahn, MD Recognized for “Excellence in Medicine”**

### *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 Walter J. Kahn, MD, FACS will receive the Edward J. Ill Physician’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 Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award is presented annually to a New Jersey physician who merits recognition for distinguished service as a leader in the medical profession and in the community. Dr. Kahn is an ophthalmologist in full-time, private practice in Red Bank, New Jersey and is presently department director of ophthalmology at Riverview Medical Center. For the past 23 years, Dr. Kahn has traveled to developing countries to perform the latest techniques in ophthalmic surgery. He has shared his knowledge and skill as a volunteer ophthalmologist for Orbis International, a not-for-profit humanitarian organization dedicated to saving sight worldwide through public health education, technical assistance to improve access to quality ophthalmic services, and hands-on training for eye care professionals. He has trained more than 1,000 local ophthalmologists who continue the valuable work of saving sight.

“Dr. Kahn has shown extraordinary commitment to improving the eyesight of children and adults in New Jersey and around the world,” stated Dr. Hirsch. “His compassion and dedication to his profession has been an inspiration to the New Jersey physician community.”

The other 2008 awardees include:

- 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
- 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](http://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.