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**MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2014 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS
EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS**

Orthopaedist and Inventor Frederick F. Buechel, Sr., MD, Among Honorees

Lawrenceville, NJ, March 24, 2014 – Carrying forward a 75-year tradition of recognizing exceptional physicians and leaders in healthcare, MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey (www.MDAdvantageonline.com) today announced the 2014 honorees for the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® (www.EJIAwards.org).

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. Every year since 1939, exemplary New Jersey physicians and leaders whose dedication to education, research and public service have significantly impacted the delivery of healthcare in the state and around the nation have been honored. This annual event has been sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey since 2003.

Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage, stated, “MDAdvantage is a proud and committed supporter of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards. For 75 years, this awards program has honored the legacy of New Jersey healthcare leaders. The accomplishments of this year’s honorees exemplify the progress and the contributions that have been made by New Jersey’s extraordinary talent.”

Among those being honored this year is Frederick F. Buechel, Sr., MD, orthopaedic surgeon at South Mountain Orthopaedic Associates and Clinical Professor of the Department of Orthopaedics at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, who will receive the Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research. The award is presented to an individual who has made important contributions in clinical or translational research leading to advances in disease therapy.

Also being honored are:

- **Outstanding Medical Educator Award:** *David E. Swee, MD*, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development, Associate Dean for Education and Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.
- **Outstanding Medical Executive Award:** *Stephen K. Jones, FACHE*, President and Chief Executive Officer, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson Health System.
- **Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award®:** *George F. Heinrich, MD*, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Health Foundation, and Associate Dean for Admissions and Adjunct Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.
- **Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award:** Executive Director *Faith W. Rice*, on behalf of the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders.



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- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research:** *Peter Lobel, PhD*, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Rutgers Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine.
- **Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's Award®:** *Donald M. Chervenak, MD*, obstetrician/gynecologist at Florham Park OB/GYN and Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, stated, "The mission of the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*® is not only to highlight the remarkable accomplishments of our honorees, but also to support the future of medicine in New Jersey. As healthcare leaders, we have an obligation to pave the way for our future healthcare providers so that they may continue the tradition of quality healthcare delivery and innovation in our state."

This year's awards will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards ceremony on May 7, 2014, at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. All profits from the event will be dedicated to support seven medical and physician assistant student scholarships. To participate in the 2014 Excellence in Medicine Awards by purchasing tickets, an Honor Roll sponsorship or an advertisement in the awards journal, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIAwards.org.

The awards program is sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance in New Jersey. For more information on MDAdvantage, call 888-355-5551 or visit www.MDAdvantageonline.com.

Frederick F. Buechel, Sr., MD

Frederick F. Buechel, Sr., MD, is a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon who actively practices hip, knee, ankle and shoulder replacement surgery at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey. His office practice in South Orange, New Jersey, has been his home base since 1986.

Collaborating with New Jersey Institute of Technology mechanical engineering professor Michael J. Pappas, PhD, since 1974 while a resident in orthopaedics at New Jersey Medical School, Dr. Buechel has been involved in the development of hip, knee, ankle and shoulder replacement devices and their surgical instruments. Together, he and Dr. Pappas have generated more than 150 United States and foreign patents on their joint replacement and instrument inventions, many of which are used worldwide. The New Jersey Low Contact Stress (LCS) Knee Replacement, still used worldwide, is his most famous device. It was FDA approved in 1991, after 11 years of clinical trials. His improved version of this unique, mobile-bearing knee (now known as the Buechel-Pappas Knee Replacement) represents the state-of-the-art in knee joint design and has a potential 30- to 40-year service life. In 1998, Drs. Buechel and Pappas were inducted into the New Jersey Inventors Hall of Fame.

During his long career, Dr. Buechel has taught surgical techniques to residents, colleagues and surgeons from around the world. Dr. Buechel is an active Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic



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Surgery at New Jersey Medical School and has published numerous clinical research articles and book chapters in major peer-reviewed orthopaedic journals and textbooks.

A fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery, Dr. Buechel enjoys memberships in the New Jersey Orthopaedic Society, the Essex County Medical Society, the New Jersey Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Knee Society, the Eastern Orthopaedic Association and the Orthopaedic Surgery and Trauma Society. He is a board member of the New Jersey Medical School Alumni Society and the Dean's Advisory Committee. In 2002, he established a Chair in Joint Replacement Surgery at New Jersey Medical School, where he continues to share his expertise. He also established the Buechel Patient Care Research and Education Fund in 2002, enabling him to fund various charities. In 2006, Dr. Buechel was named Orthopaedist of the Year by the Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter.

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