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

***David E. Swee, MD,
of Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Among Honorees***

Lawrenceville, NJ, April 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 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, who will receive the Outstanding Medical Educator Award. The award is presented to a medical educator who has made an outstanding contribution to graduate or undergraduate medical education in New Jersey.

Also being honored are:

- **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.
 - **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research:** *Peter Lobel, PhD*, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Rutgers
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Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Rutgers Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine.

- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research:** *Frederick F. Buechel, Sr., MD*, orthopaedic surgeon, South Mountain Orthopaedic Associates, and Clinical Professor, Department of Orthopaedics at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.
- **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.

David E. Swee, MD

David E. Swee, MD, is Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health and is Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development as well as Associate Dean for Education at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (RWJMS). He graduated from Dalhousie Medical School, completed his residency at Somerset Medical Center and is board certified in family medicine. During 2002 – 2003, he completed the F. Marian Bishop Fellowship in conjunction with the American Council on Education Fellowship Program. He was Chairman of Family Medicine at RWJMS for 15 years and has also served in many other departmental roles such as Director, Predoctoral Programs; Director, Fellowship Programs; and Chair, Appointments and Promotion Committee. He continues to see patients regularly and teach medical students at all levels as well as residents and faculty. He has published widely on educational issues and has edited the text *Teaching Family Medicine in Medical School: A Companion to Predoctoral Education in Family Medicine* (Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and American Academy of Family Physicians, 1991).

Dr. Swee has also held numerous external positions, including serving on the following: the American Medical Association (AMA) Council on Medical Education (which he chaired), the



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Liaison Committee on Medical Education (which accredits medical schools), the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education's Accreditation Review Committee and the Medical Society of New Jersey's (MSNJ) Committee on Medical Education (which he chaired for many years). Clinically related positions have included being Chair of the MSNJ Council on Medical Services, serving as the MSNJ representative to the Physician Consortium on Performance Improvement and being a past Chair of the AMA Advisory Committee on Group Practice Physicians. In terms of health policy leadership, he continues to serve as Chair of the New Jersey Drug Utilization Review Board, and he was a past Co-Chair of the MSNJ Policy and Strategy Panel. Other organizational positions have included his numerous roles with the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (such as chairing the STFM Education Committee) and his roles with the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (for which he was President and the later Chairman of the Board). Currently, he is also on the Board of the Medical Society of New Jersey's foundation, the Institute of Medicine & Public Health of New Jersey, Inc.

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