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**MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2015 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS
EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS**

***Joseph P. Costabile, MD, of Virtua Surgical Group and
Resident of Marlton, Among Honorees***

Lawrenceville, NJ, February 23, 2015 – MDAdvantage Insurance Company, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance, today announced the 2015 Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine award recipients.

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. Each year, exemplary New Jersey physicians and leaders whose dedication to education, research and public service has 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 since 2003.

Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage, stated, “MDAdvantage is proud to once again sponsor the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*®. Being able to recognize all the progress that has been made in healthcare since the awards were first bestowed in 1939 is an honor and a privilege for all of us involved. My hope is that by highlighting these advances, we are able to inspire the healthcare providers and leaders of tomorrow.”

Among those being honored this year is Captain Joseph P. Costabile, MD, General and Vascular Surgeon at Virtua Surgical Group and resident of Marlton, who will receive the Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award®. The award is presented to a citizen or group of citizens of New Jersey who merits recognition for distinguished service in advancing and promoting the health and well-being of the people of our state.

Also being honored are:

- **Outstanding Medical Educator Award:**
Richard P. Mackessy, MD, *Orthopaedic Surgeon, Union County Orthopaedic Group and Chief of the Orthopedics Department at Trinitas Regional Medical Center*
- **Outstanding Healthcare Executive Award:**
Amy B. Mansue, *President and CEO, Children’s Specialized Hospital*
- **Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award**®:
Margaret C. Fisher, MD, *Medical Director of the Unterberg Children’s Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center and Professor of Pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine and St. George’s University School of Medicine, Grenada*
- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research:**
Estela Jacinto, PhD, *Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School*
- **Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research:**
M. Maral Mouradian, MD, *William Dow Lovett Professor of Neurology and Director of the Center for Neurodegenerative and Neuroimmunologic Diseases in the Department of*



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Neurology at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, said, “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. The Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation and MDAdvantage are grateful for the support of our contributors, advertisers and, most especially, the Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Honor Roll members who step up with significant annual contributions to support the scholarship fund.”

This year’s awards will be presented at the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards®* ceremony on May 6, 2015, at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. All profits from the event will be dedicated to support seven medical and healthcare student scholarships. To order tickets, participate as a Scholarship Honor Roll member, place an ad in this year’s awards journal or make a direct contribution, please contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIAwards.org.

Captain Joseph P. Costabile, MD

Captain Joseph P. Costabile, MD, is a board-certified general and vascular surgeon practicing with Virtua Surgical Group in South Jersey (previously Surgical Group of South Jersey) since 1998.

Dr. Costabile graduated from the Pingry Preparatory School and attended Ohio Wesleyan University. He attended UMDNJ Rutgers Medical School in Camden. After five years of surgical residency, a trauma fellowship and a year of cardiac surgical training, he started his vascular surgical fellowship. At that time, he also enlisted as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves.

Dr. Costabile has dedicated many years of service to the U.S. Armed Forces. He was Captain in the U.S. Naval Reserves Medical Corps and deployed twice to the Middle East in support of troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His first deployment was in an Expeditionary Medical Facility in 2005 treating the combat wounded, primarily from Iraq, and his second deployment in 2008 was to Afghanistan. He has served as Head of Department of Surgery, U.S. Military Hospital, Kuwait and Chief of Professional Services, 1st Medical Battalion Alpha Company, Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq. Dr. Costabile continues to serve at the rank of Captain in the 4th Medical Battalion under the 4th Marine Logistics Group located at the Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst.

Dr. Costabile is committed to serving and giving back to those people and organizations that have helped him achieve his goals in life. He believes in protecting and advancing the profession of medicine, and consequently his involvement in organized medicine has increased over the years. He was President of the Camden County Medical Society 2003-2004. He served as President of the Vascular Society of New Jersey in 2009-2010 and has served as the society’s Treasurer since 2003. Dr. Costabile is currently First Vice President of the Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ) and has served as Vice Chairman of the MSNJ Council on Legislation since 2001. He has also served as a Delegate of the American Medical Association.

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