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

***Pediatrician and Professor Meg Fisher, MD, Among Honorees***

**Lawrenceville, NJ, February 13, 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 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, who will receive the Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award**®.

The award is presented to a New Jersey physician who merits recognition for distinguished service as a leader in the medical profession and in the community.

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
  - 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 Neurology at Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
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- Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's Award®:  
**Captain Joseph P. Costabile, MD**, *General and Vascular Surgeon, Virtua Surgical Group*

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](http://www.EJIAwards.org).

### Margaret C. Fisher, MD

**Margaret C. (Meg) Fisher, MD**, is 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. Dr. Fisher is board certified in pediatrics and pediatric infectious disease, and her special interests include vaccines, medical education and infection control.

Dr. Fisher received her undergraduate education at Susquehanna University and her medical degree from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine. She completed her pediatric residency and fellowship training at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Fisher is a frequent continuing medical education speaker, locally as well as internationally. She has authored more than 30 articles published in peer-reviewed journals, as well as numerous invited articles, book chapters and audiotapes and a book.

Dr. Fisher has been a member since 2000 of the Brighton Collaboration, an international collaboration whose mission is to define and study adverse events following immunizations, and she has served on its Board since 2003. She has been a member of the Scientific Committees for several international meetings, including the 25th and 28th International Pediatric Association Congress and the 4th and 5th Europaediatrics. She was recently appointed to the Gavi Civil Service Organizations Steering Committee. The Gavi Alliance, an international group supported by the World Health Organization, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and many donor nations, supplies immunizations and strengthens health systems in the poorest nations of the world. Dr. Fisher is also involved with Shot@Life, a project of the UN Foundation. She is Co-Chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Global Immunization Advocacy Project Advisory Committee and Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics – New Jersey Chapter.

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