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## **Nominations Sought for Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards® Recognizing New Jersey Physicians & Healthcare Leaders**

**Lawrenceville, NJ**, July 29, 2014 – In a continuing effort to recognize extraordinary contributions to healthcare in New Jersey, the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation ([www.EJIawards.org](http://www.EJIawards.org)) and MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey ([www.MDAdvantageonline.com](http://www.MDAdvantageonline.com)) are calling for nominations for the 2015 *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*®. The deadline for nominations is August 15, 2014.

“For more than 75 years, these annual awards have recognized exemplary physicians and leaders whose dedication to education, research and public service have made a difference to the delivery of healthcare in New Jersey and around the world,” said Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation. “Each year, we look forward to honoring an exceptional group of award recipients whose significant accomplishments have raised the bar in their respective areas of expertise.”

### Award Categories

- Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award®
- Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award®
- Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award
- Outstanding Medical Educator Award
- Outstanding Medical Executive Award
- Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Clinical Research
- Outstanding Medical Research Scientist Award for Basic Biomedical Research

“We’re proud to carry on Dr. Ill’s passion for education,” said Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage. “The Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund has provided \$320,000 in scholarships to New Jersey medical and healthcare students, and we look forward to growing this amount in the future. The Fund is a perfect fit with the person for whom the program is named: Edward J. Ill, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting medical education, setting a national standard.”

### Nominations

An individual or group may submit nominations as per the Guidelines for Nomination 2015, available at [www.EJIawards.org](http://www.EJIawards.org). The nomination package should include a detailed letter summarizing the candidate’s areas of excellence, unique contributions and special qualifications, and his or her CV or resume.

Nominations may be submitted by mail to Paul J. Hirsch, M.D., Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, c/o MD Advantage, 100 Franklin Corner Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-2104. They may also be e-mailed to Janet Puro at [jpuro@EJIawards.org](mailto:jpuro@EJIawards.org).

### May 6 Ceremony

The awards will be presented at the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards ceremony on May 6, 2015. To learn more, contact the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit [www.EJIawards.org](http://www.EJIawards.org).

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