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**MDADVANTAGE ANNOUNCES 2016 RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS
EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE AWARDS**

***The Congregation of the Sisters of
St. Joseph of Peace Among Honorees***

Lawrenceville, NJ, March 24, 2016 – MDAdvantage Insurance Company, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance, today announced the 2016 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 patient care, 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*®. This event highlights New Jersey’s very best healthcare leaders and providers who have made major innovations in patient care, education and research and have significantly impacted their community and the healthcare delivery system. My hope is that by highlighting these individuals and their stellar careers, we are able to inspire the healthcare providers and leaders of tomorrow.”

Among those being honored this year is The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, the founders and sponsors of Holy Name Medical Center, among numerous sponsored ministries and missions, who will receive a Special Award for their service as champions of the underserved, the poor, the sick, immigrants and the powerless, in New Jersey and beyond.

Also being honored are:

Outstanding Medical Educator Award:

Sara Cuccurullo, MD, *Medical Director and Vice President, JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute; Clinical Professor and Chairman, Residency Program Director, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School*

Outstanding Healthcare Executive Award:

Barry H. Ostrowsky, *President and CEO, Barnabas Health*

Edward J. Ill Physician’s Award®:

Jean Anderson Eloy, MD, *Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery; Professor, Department of Neurological Surgery; and Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School*



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Verice M. Mason Community Service Leader Award:

Christopher O. Kosseff, *President and CEO (retired), on behalf of Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care*

Outstanding Scientist Award:

Robert Korngold, PhD, *Chairman, Department of Research and Chief, Basic Research Division, at the John Theurer Cancer Center, and Senior Scientist at the David and Alice Jurist Institute for Research at Hackensack University Medical Center*

Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen's Award®:

Anita Chopra, MD, *Director, New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging, and Professor and Chair of the Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology and William G. Rohrer Endowed Chair in Geriatrics at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine*

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 4, 2016, 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.

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace (CSJP)

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace (CSJP), a community of vowed women religious and Associates, has championed the underserved, the poor, sick, immigrant and powerless since 1884. Promoting social justice as a way to peace, CSJP projects and ministries include healthcare, education, social work, parish ministry, counseling, retreat work and spiritual direction, pastoral care, cultural ministry, affordable housing, political advocacy, care of Earth and ministry with those who are marginalized and powerless.

Soon after founding the Congregation in Nottingham, England, Margaret Anna Cusack of Ireland (Mother Clare), left for America to raise funds to educate immigrant Irish women. Finding needy women in Jersey City, in 1891, the CSJP established St. Joseph's Home for the Blind (now the Margaret Anna Cusack Care Center) and other institutions that still provide essential services to the elderly and infirm and supporting women and children.

In 1925, the CSJP responded to two physicians concerned about serving the sick and indigent in northern New Jersey by purchasing land and erecting Holy Name Hospital and School of Nursing in Teaneck—administrative and nursing staff provided by the Sisters. In 90 years, Holy Name Hospital has evolved into a fully accredited, independent nonprofit medical center



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recognized with numerous awards and known for its compassionate care and respect for each patient, a direct influence of Holy Name Medical Center's founders, who continue to serve as its sponsors.

Born of the charismatic spirit of one person, CSJP ministries in New Jersey and the U.S. West Coast, the United Kingdom and special missions in El Salvador and Guatemala and at Hôpital Sacré Coeur in Milot, Haiti, are impacting the lives of tens of thousands of individuals and serve as testaments to the CSJP's continuing commitment to reform, liberation and justice.

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