

**MDADVANTAGE HONORS NEW JERSEY'S HEALTHCARE LEADERS
WITH PRESTIGIOUS "EXCELLENCE IN MEDICINE" AWARDS**

***Seven Scholarships Distributed to New Jersey
Healthcare Scholarship Recipients***

Lawrenceville, NJ, May 16, 2016– A group of outstanding New Jerseyans were lauded on May 4th when the *Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Awards*[®] honored physicians and healthcare leaders at a black-tie event. These coveted awards are among the highest honors given in New Jersey's medical community. MDAdvantage, a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance, sponsors the state's longest-running medical awards program to recognize New Jersey's healthcare efforts.

In addition to the awards bestowed upon this year's honorees, seven New Jersey healthcare students were selected as recipients of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund. This year's fundraising efforts enabled the Foundation to distribute seven scholarships to talented students at New Jersey medical, dental and physician assistant programs.

"I am so grateful for the support we received this year for our scholarship fund," said Patricia A. Costante, Chairman and CEO of MDAdvantage. "In particular, I would like to thank our Scholarship Honor Roll members, especially RWJBarnabas Health, who joined MDAdvantage as a 2016 Pinnacle of Excellence in Healthcare Society Member. Additionally, our Healthcare Champion Society members this year included Dr. and Mrs. George F. Heinrich; Vincent K. McInerney, MD, Anthony Festa, MD, and Anthony J. Scillia, MD, of New Jersey Orthopaedic Institute; Jean Anderson Eloy, MD; Hackensack University Medical Center; and Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine. All of these generous donors came through to join MDAdvantage in investing in the future of New Jersey medicine."

The 2016 Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Honorees

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, RWJ 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*

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*

Special Award:

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, *founders and sponsors of Holy Name Medical Center, among numerous sponsored ministries and missions, for their service as champions of the underserved, the poor, the sick, immigrants and the powerless, in New Jersey and beyond*

The 2016 scholarship recipients are:

- Natalya Andriyanycheva (*Rutgers School of Health Related Professions – Class of 2017*)
- Ryan Miller (*Cooper Medical School of Rowan University – Class of 2018*)
- Ronak Mistry (*Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine – Class of 2017*)
- Rachel Morales (*Rutgers New Jersey Medical School – Class of 2016*)
- Richard Steinwandtner (*Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences – Class of 2017*)
- Melissa Villars (*Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School – Class of 2016*)
- Nicole Viola (*Rutgers School of Dental Medicine – Class of 2017*)

Paul J. Hirsch, MD, Chairman of the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation, stated, “We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of our contributors, advertisers and, especially, the scholarship honor roll members who support the awards program each year. This year we proudly invested in our latest class of scholarship recipients, bringing our total scholarship contributions to nearly half a million dollars over the last seven years.”

The Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2016 awards program. The deadline for submissions is August 12, 2016. For more information on the awards program and the nomination process, visit www.EJlAwards.org.

To learn more about this year's honorees and their perspectives on healthcare, see the Spring 2016 issue of *MDAdvisor*. For more information on *MDAdvisor*, including subscription and advertisement opportunities, go to www.MDAdvantageonline.com/MDAdvisor.

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2016 Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Honorees

(left to right): Sitting: Sara Cuccurullo, MD, Sr. Barbara Moran, Sr. Breda Boyle, Sr. Kristin Funari and Anita Chopra, MD
Standing: Robert Korngold, PhD, Michael Maron, Paul J. Hirsch, MD (Chairman, Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Foundation), Christopher O. Kosseff, Patricia Costante (Chairman and CEO, MDAvantage), Sr. Antoinette Moore, Barry H. Ostrowsky and Jean Anderson Eloy, MD



2016 Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Recipients

(left to right): Sitting: Nicole Viola, Rachel Morales and Melissa Villars
Standing: Ryan Miller, Paul J. Hirsch, MD (Chairman, Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Foundation), Patricia A. Costante (Chairman and CEO, MDAvantage), Ronak Mistry, Natalya Andriyanycheva, George F. Heinrich, MD, and Richard Steinwandtner

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