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

***Robert Korngold, PhD, of the John Theurer Cancer Center and
David and Alice Jurist Institute for Research at
Hackensack University Medical Center, Among Honorees***

Lawrenceville, NJ, March 16, 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 Robert Korngold, PhD, who will receive the Outstanding Scientist Award. The award is presented to an individual or individuals who have made important contributions leading to advances in treatment. Dr. Korngold is Chairman of the 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.

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*



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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*

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*

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.

Robert Korngold, PhD

Robert Korngold, PhD, is the Chairman of the Department of Research, Chief of the Basic Research Division at the John Theurer Cancer Center, and Senior Scientist at The David & Alice Jurist Institute for Research at Hackensack University Medical Center (UMC).

For the last 11 years, Dr. Korngold has elevated the level of research conducted at HackensackUMC. At the close of 2014, there were a total of 645 active/open clinical research studies. HackensackUMC remains the top independent hospital recipient of National Institutes of Health (NIH) research support in New Jersey.

Dr. Korngold is an immunologist who has made remarkable contributions to the field of science at the national and international levels. His work regarding the role of donor T-cells in



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causing graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), a life-threatening complication of allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation used to treat several forms of blood cancer, has been described as “landmark.” The Korngold/Sprent mouse model for GVHD and similar strain combinations that resembled matched sibling and matched unrelated donor transplants has become a mainstay of numerous future immunobiology studies in the field.

Dr. Korngold received his PhD in Immunology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979 in the laboratory of Jonathan Sprent, MD, PhD; he was a postdoctoral trainee at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia under the mentorship of Peter C. Doherty, PhD, and became a member of the Wistar Institute; he was also the founding Director of the PhD Graduate Program in Immunology at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Korngold is on the Executive Board of the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation and has served for the last 15 years as the Editor-in-Chief of the society’s journal, *Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation*. He has received numerous research grants from the NIH, served on many NIH grant review panels and has nearly 120 peer-reviewed paper publications, 40 book chapters and monographs and holds eight patents.

Dr. Korngold received the Alumni Association Education Award from Jefferson College of Graduate Studies, Thomas Jefferson University, and will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation in February 2016.

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