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

***Barry H. Ostrowsky, President and CEO of  
RWJBarnabas Health, Among Honorees***

**Lawrenceville, NJ, April 6, 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 Barry H. Ostrowsky, President and Chief Executive Officer of RWJBarnabas Health, who will receive the Outstanding Healthcare Executive Award.** The award is presented to an executive in a healthcare-related organization or field who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the enhancement of patient care and medical practice in New Jersey.

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*

**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*

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**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*

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

**Barry H. Ostrowsky**

**Barry H. Ostrowsky** is the President and Chief Executive Officer of RWJBarnabas Health, New Jersey's largest integrated healthcare delivery system. He leads the system's initiatives in responding to the new dynamics of health reform and, through his vision and stewardship, has created the most comprehensive health system in New Jersey. Mr. Ostrowsky is spearheading a system-wide endeavor to promote healthier living for employees and the diverse members of our communities.

RWJ Barnabas Health includes 11 acute care hospitals (six are teaching hospitals), three children's hospitals, a pediatric rehabilitation hospital, ambulatory care centers, geriatric centers, a free-standing behavioral health center, New Jersey's largest statewide behavioral health network, comprehensive home care and hospice programs, pharmacy services, multi-site imaging centers, three accountable care organizations, as well as medical groups with primary and specialty care



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physician practices. The system is comprised of 32,700 employees (second largest private employer in New Jersey), nearly 9,000 physicians (representing more than 30 percent of the state's actively practicing physicians) and 1,000 residents and interns.

Mr. Ostrowsky joined Saint Barnabas Medical Center in 1991 as Executive Vice President and General Counsel and served in the same role when Barnabas Health was created in 1996. At Barnabas Health, he became President and Chief Operating Officer in 2010 and President and Chief Executive Officer in 2012. In April 2016, with the merger of Barnabas Health and Robert Wood Johnson Health System, he assumed his present position.

Previous to this position, Mr. Ostrowsky was a senior partner at Brach, Eichler. Among active memberships, he serves on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trustees of Public Media NJ, Inc., operator of NJTV. He is a Council member of the American Hospital Association (AHA) Health Care Systems Governing Council and a member of the Urban Subcommittee of the AHA's Ensuring Access in Vulnerable Communities Task Force. Mr. Ostrowsky received an AB degree from Rutgers University and a JD from the University of Tennessee School of Law.

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