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THE 2016 Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine AWARDS®
The Edward J. III Excellence in Medicine Awards® are awarded annually to honor those exemplary physicians and leaders whose dedication to patient care, education, research and public service has significantly impacted the delivery of healthcare in New Jersey and around the world. The awards are named after Edward J. III, MD, a New Jersey physician who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that set the national standard. The event debuted in 1939 at the annual meeting of the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey and has been sponsored by MDAdvantage Insurance Company since 2003.

This year’s awards dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Profits from the event will fund scholarships at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Rutgers School of Health Related Professions and Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences. The Scholarship Fund was created to encourage young people to study healthcare in New Jersey and to help improve access to healthcare for New Jersey residents.

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. III Excellence in Medicine Foundation at 609-803-2350 or visit www.EJIIawards.org.

Outstanding Medical Educator Award
Presented to a medical educator who has made an outstanding contribution to graduate or undergraduate medical education in New Jersey.

Sara Cucurullo, MD, is Clinical Professor and Chairman, Residency Program Director, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/JFK Medical Center and Medical Director and Vice President at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute. Dr. Cucurullo received her medical degree from SUNY Downstate in 1987 and completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson/JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute (JRI). She became board certified in 1992.

Joining the staff at the JFK/JRI in 1991, Dr. Cucurullo has served as the Residency Program Director (PD) since 1998. She has taught the PM&R Board Review course since 1991. Dr. Cucurullo is Editor-in-Chief of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine Board Review and published the first edition in 2004, the second edition in 2009 and the third edition in 2014. The royalties from the sale of this textbook are donated to the JRI PM&R Residency Education Fund, which supports educational endeavors. She has received the Teacher of the Year Award six times and the RWJ Volunteer Faculty Award several times. In addition, she received multiple awards, including the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Middlesex County Academic Physician award. She is the VP of the National Residency and Fellowship PD Council. She has authored 29 book chapters, multiple articles and more than 50 abstracts. She heads the JRI PM&R Residency Competency Committee and developed a competency model that was presented nationally. She has published seven peer-reviewed papers on this model.

Dr. Cucurullo was appointed Chairman of the Department of PM&R for Rutgers RWJ Medical School and the Medical Director and VP for the JFK/JRI in February 2014. As Medical Director, she has developed an aftercare program for the continued care of the rehabilitation patients discharged from JRI and a comprehensive stroke recovery program for the care of stroke patients. With this initiative, she is the principal investigator (PI) of two institutional review board (IRB) proposals researching the benefits of a rehabilitation program to treat stroke patients, including cardiovascular conditioning sessions during their recovery.

By Janet S. Puro, MPH, MBA
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.

Barry H. Ostrowsky is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Barnabas Health, New Jersey’s largest integrated healthcare delivery system that annually provides treatment and services for more than two million patient visits. He leads the system’s initiatives in responding to the new dynamics of health reform. Mr. Ostrowsky is spearheading a system-wide endeavor to promote healthier living for employees and the members of our communities.

Barnabas Health includes seven acute care hospitals (four are teaching hospitals), two children’s hospitals, 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 and a medical group. The system is comprised of 21,000 employees, 5,200 physicians and 551 residents and represents the second largest employer in New Jersey, one-fifth of the state’s actively practicing physicians and the state’s largest non-university complement of residents.

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. He became President and Chief Operating Officer in 2010 and attained his present position as President and Chief Executive Officer in January 2012.

Previous to this position, he was a senior partner at Brach, Eichler. Among active memberships, Mr. Ostrowsky 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 2015 American Hospital Association Health Care Systems Governing Council. Mr. Ostrowsky received an AB degree from Rutgers University and a JD from the University of Tennessee School of Law.

Presented to a New Jersey physician who merits recognition for distinguished service as a leader in the medical profession and in the community.

Jean Anderson Eloy, MD, joined Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in July 2008. He is currently Professor and Vice Chair of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. He serves as the Director of Rhinology and Sinus Surgery, Director of Otolaryngology Research and Co-Director of the Endoscopic Skull Base Surgery Program. Dr. Eloy also has joint appointments as Professor of Neurological Surgery and Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. His clinical/surgical interests and areas of expertise include medical and surgical management of refractory rhinosinusitis, endoscopic management of sinonasal neoplasia, cerebrospinal fluid rhinorrhea, ventral skull base lesions, endoscopic revision sinus surgery and computer-aided sinus surgery. Dr. Eloy’s contribution to the fields of otolaryngology–head and neck surgery and neurological surgery include more than 270 articles in peer-reviewed journals and numerous book chapters in the subfield of rhinology, endoscopic sinus and skull base surgery, more than 230 scientific presentations at regional, national and international otolaryngologic and neurological surgery meetings, as well as more than 160 invited lectures and oral presentations. His research topics encompass the fields of otolaryngology, neurological surgery and ophthalmology, and include endoscopic and open sinus surgery, minimally invasive endoscopic skull base surgery, as well as studies of gender disparities in otolaryngology and other surgical specialties.

Dr. Eloy is a member of the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Admission Committee and the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Faculty Council, and he is involved in Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery resident training. He earned his medical degree from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and completed his residency at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine of New York University and a fellowship at University of Miami/Jackson Hospital.
Christopher O. Kosseff is the President and Chief Executive Officer of University Behavioral Health Care (UBHC) at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Mr. Kosseff is responsible for a statewide system of academically based mental health and addiction services across New Jersey. In 1996, when he assumed responsibility for this system, the operating budget was approximately $50 million per year, with the majority derived from Medicaid reimbursements. In 2015, the budget was $246 million, with a dramatically diversified portfolio.

Although all of the core clinical services remain vibrant and serves the academic and clinical missions, the range of services now includes correctional healthcare, an administrative services organization, a statewide suicide prevention hotline, a clinical research and training institute and peer-operated helplines for service members, veterans, mothers of children with special needs, law enforcement officers and child protection workers.

Mr. Kosseff has a Master of Science degree from Syracuse University. Additionally, he holds Clinical Assistant Professor appointments in the departments of psychiatry at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and New Jersey Medical School. He has received numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal from the National Guard.

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 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.

Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Citizen’s Award®
Presented to a citizen or group of citizens of New Jersey who merits recognition for distinguished service in advancing and promoting the health and well-being of the people of our state.

Anita Chopra, MD, is the Director of the New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging and Professor and Chair of the Department of Geriatrics and Gerontology at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, where she is the William G. Rohrer Endowed Chair in Geriatrics. Dr. Chopra is a board-certified internist/geriatrician, certified Medical Director for long-term care and Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American Geriatrics Society.

As an advocate for older adults since 1984, Dr. Chopra has been integral in developing the field of geriatrics at the University. Recognized as one of the premier sources of geriatric care in New Jersey, the Institute is also nationally recognized for the training it provides to physicians-in-training, community-based physicians, other health professionals, human service providers, older adults and their caregivers. She has served as Director of several extramurally funded educational initiatives, including the statewide New Jersey Geriatric Education Center and a Geriatric Medicine, Dentistry, and Psychiatry Fellowship that have received federal funding for more than two decades. For these achievements, U.S. News and World Report has ranked the Institute among the top 20 graduate schools in geriatric medicine in the nation for the 14th time since 2001.

Dr. Chopra has authored or coauthored numerous publications and nationally disseminated enduring educational materials. She has served as principal investigator or coinvestigator for 20 clinical trials. In addition, she has secured $11.8 million (federal) and $3.2 million (non-federal) in grant funds as Principal Investigator. She has also served in leadership positions for many professional and community-based organizations, including several advisory committees to the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

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Special Award
A special award is being presented this year to the 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 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 support 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 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 Cœur 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.

Janet S. Puro, MPH, MBA, is Vice President of Business Development and Corporate Communications at MDAdvantage Insurance Company.

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