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## 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

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**94<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner**

Reception 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:45 pm

**Welcome** David N. Carvalho, JD  
President

**IOMC Report** Carolyn C. Lopez, MD

**Introduction of New Fellows** David N. Carvalho, JD

**Awards Ceremony**

Presentation of  
IOMC/CPSF/Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial Institute  
Recognition Award in Patient Safety to  
**Lee Sacks, MD**

Presentation of  
The Lifetime Achievement Award to  
**Robert M. Vanecko, MD, MS**

Presentation of  
The Lifetime Achievement Award to  
**James R. Webster, Jr., MD, MS**

Presentation of 2009 Henry P. Russe, MD  
Citation for Exemplary Compassion in Healthcare to  
**Judith Haasis, MSW**

**Russe Presentation**

Presentation by **Maria I. Brown, DO**  
***“Sustaining Humanism through  
Medical Education”***

Recipient of the 2008 Henry P. Russe, MD  
Citation for Exemplary Compassion in Healthcare

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please place your entrée card in front of your place setting.**

**Forum Program  
4:30 pm**

***“Emergency Preparedness:  
Averting Disaster”***

**Introduction**

**David N. Carvalho, JD**  
President, IOMC

**Presentation**

**Damon T. Arnold, MD, MPH**  
Director  
Illinois Department of Public Health

**Questions and Discussion from the Floor**

**The Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial Institute/CQPS  
Recognition Award in Patient Safety**

*Lee B. Sacks, MD*

As Executive Vice President, Chief Medical Officer of Advocate Health Care since 1997, Dr. Lee B. Sacks is responsible for Clinical Outcomes, Information Systems, Strategic Planning and Growth, Research and Education, and the eICU® Core Program. He also is President, Advocate Physician Partners, to which he was appointed in 1995.

Dr. Sacks received a BS in Chemical Engineering from University of Pennsylvania and a medical degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago, in 1977. He completed a Family Practice residency at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL, serving as Chief Resident. He served as President of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians 1988-89 and on the Commission of Health Care Services of the American Academy of Family Physicians from 1994-2000.

Dr. Sacks initiated and championed an e-ICU as a patient safety strategy. He is the driving force behind many of the accomplishments of Advocate in the arena of Patient Safety. Under his leadership, there has been consistent improvement in outcomes and patient safety across the entire Advocate system. Among the statistics cited are:

- HQA\* bundled score for Acute Myocardial Infarction: Baseline of 93% with target of  $\geq 98\%$  and results of 98%
- HQA\* bundled score for heart failure: Baseline of 86% with target of  $\geq 92\%$  and results of 92%
- HQA\* bundled score for Pneumonia: Baseline of 76% with target of  $\geq 82\%$  and results of 86%
- HQA\* bundled score for Surgical Care Improvement Project: Baseline of 82% with target of  $\geq 79\%$  and results of 90%
- Misidentified specimens (parts per million): Baseline 272 with target of  $\leq 271$  and results of 57
- Decreased mortality of 13% over 12 months (equivalent to 116 lives saved in 2008)  
\*HQA: Health Quality Alliance

Dr. Sacks is clearly a most deserving recipient of the Otho S A. Sprague/CQPS Award in Patient Safety. We are honored to recognize his many accomplishments in the patient safety arena.

**IOMC Lifetime Achievement Award**

*Robert M. Vanecko, MD*

Robert M. Vanecko, MD is a Thoracic surgeon whose career exemplifies the attributes of an outstanding physician leader. A 1960 graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Dr. Vanecko continued his training in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery at Cook County Hospital and later at Hines Veterans Administration Hospital. For several years he served as chief of surgical services for the US Air Force at Homestead Air Force Base Hospital in Homestead, Florida.

Upon Dr. Vanecko's return to Chicago, he served for several years as Chief, Section of Thoracic Trauma at Cook County Hospital. In addition, he was Director of Surgical Intensive Care for over 10 years at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He was elevated to Professor of Surgery at Northwestern University Medical School in 1988. Also at the

medical school, Dr. Vanecko served as Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education and later as Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Vanecko continued his service at Northwestern Memorial Hospital as Vice Chief of Staff and then as Chief of Staff.

Throughout his career, Dr. Vanecko was also very active in organized medicine. In addition to his induction to Alpha Omega Alpha as a medical student, he has been active in numerous professional societies including the American Association of Thoracic Surgery, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American College of Surgeons, the AMA, the American Medical Writers Association, and the American Trauma Society, to name but a few. He's an AMA delegate and is a past president of the Chicago Medical Society.

Dr. Vanecko is Vice Chairman of the Medical Licensing Board for the State of Illinois. He is also on the Board of Governors of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC). He shared with Dr. Webster the position of Executive Director for the IOMC but joins Dr. Webster now in stepping down from that position. For his countless contributions, it is our privilege to recognize Dr Vanecko with IOMC's Lifetime Achievement Award.

**IOMC Lifetime Achievement Award**

*James R. Webster, Jr., MD*

James R. Webster, Jr., MD is a physician whose exceptional service to medicine and the community inspires all those privileged to work with him. Dr. Webster, a 1956 graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, did his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital and completed his residency at Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital. After completing military service, he went on to a research fellowship with the US Public Health Service as a fellow in Pulmonary Medicine. He spent his academic career at Northwestern, quickly rising in rank from Instructor to Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor and finally Professor of Medicine. He was later also named Professor of Geriatric Medicine.

Throughout his career, Dr. Webster has been the recipient of numerous awards. He was named Clinical Teacher of the Year four times. He was the 1997 IOMC Russe Award Winner. He was cited by the Center for the Study of Services as the "Best Doctor" of Geriatric Medicine of Metropolitan Chicago. In addition, Dr. Webster has attained the rank of Master in the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Webster has long been a leader in medicine. He has served as a Governor for the Northern Illinois chapter of the American College of Physicians. He also chaired the ACP Subcommittee on Aging. He was the Medical Director of the Northwestern University Group Practice for four years. Dr. Webster also served as Chief of Staff for Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and was the Director of the Buehler Center on Aging, and continues today as Emeritus Director. He has been President of the Board of Health for the Chicago Department of Public Health and is also a past President of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago. He recently stepped down as Executive Director of the IOMC where his leadership and innovative contributions to eliminating disparities in Chicago are well recognized. Dr. Webster also continues to volunteer at CommunityHealth, a free clinic providing care to Chicago's indigent. In recognition of his invaluable contributions to the field of medicine and to the citizens of the city of Chicago, we are honored to present Dr. Webster with the IOMC Lifetime Achievement Award.

*Judith M. Haasis, MSW*

**The Institute of Medicine of Chicago**

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**2009 Henry P. Russe, MD**

**Citation for Exemplary Compassion in Healthcare**

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**Judith M. Haasis, MSW**

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Henry P. Russe, MD served as Dean of Rush Medical College in Rush University of Rush University Medical Center. He served five terms as President of The Institute of Medicine of Chicago during an extraordinary decade of personal and professional commitment to the advancement of medicine. In recognition of his contributions, the Trustees of Rush University Medical Center and The Institute of Medicine of Chicago have established the Henry P. Russe, MD Citation for Exemplary Compassion in Healthcare. This ongoing award demonstrates, as Dr. Russe exemplified, that humanitarianism must characterize the practice of medicine and medical education beyond the science, technology, and personal skillfulness essential in caring for the health of our fellow citizens.

**Ms. Judith M. Haasis** has been employed as the Executive Director of CommunityHealth since 2004. CommunityHealth is an entirely free clinic, which provides high quality health care to people who are both poor and medically uninsured. CommunityHealth provides primary care, many specialty services, prescription drugs, and all laboratory tests, at absolutely no charge to the patient. Consequently, CommunityHealth cares for some of the most vulnerable members of our society, and is an important safety net provider in Chicago.

Under the leadership of Ms. Haasis, CommunityHealth has experienced a remarkable period of growth in the number of patients served, in the volume of services provided, in the breadth of available services, and in the numbers and types of volunteer providers. At the same time, CommunityHealth has attained huge increases in the donated funds upon which CommunityHealth depends for its very existence. Ms. Haasis conceived of and received a grant from Pharma that assures free drug coverage not only for the 30,000 patients who come to CommunityHealth each year, but for many uninsured in the region who are cared for elsewhere. This is a tangible manifestation of Ms. Haasis' leadership, her personal compassion, and her dedication to the health and welfare of all people, which sets the tone for the compassionate mission of CommunityHealth.

Prior to Ms. Haasis tenure as Executive Director of CommunityHealth, Ms. Haasis fulfilled important leadership roles in other charitable health care organizations, all of which also had a mission of service to the public. These organizations included the Alzheimer's Association of Chicago; the Interfaith Nutrition Network of Hempstead, New York; Planned Parenthood Nassau County, New York, of which she was Executive Director; the New York City Department of Aging; and the United Charities of Chicago, IL. This range of employment by organizations dedicated to directly helping people in need is clear-cut evidence of Ms. Haasis' commitment to compassionate service.

We are honored to name **Ms. Judith Haasis** the 2009 recipient of the **Russe Citation for Exemplary Compassion in Health Care**.



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