

# News Release



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## **NEW HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION HONORS OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN HEALTH CARE**

(Concord, N.H.) – The New Hampshire Hospital Association recently honored local leaders in health care for outstanding service. The awards were presented at the Association’s 71st Annual Meeting at the Mount Washington Hotel and Resort in Bretton Woods.

**Michael Green**, President and CEO of Concord Hospital, was honored with the James A. Hamilton Founder’s Award for outstanding service to health care on behalf of the people of New Hampshire, the highest recognition given by the Hospital Association. As Chairman of the Board of the Association’s affiliate, Foundation for Healthy Communities, for the past seven years, Mr. Green has been instrumental in building the Foundation’s reputation as an innovative and collaborative organization to improve the health care delivery system in the state. Among its accomplishments, the Foundation has steered many initiatives in the last ten years to make health care more accessible to underprivileged populations.

**Fred Smith** was recognized for his exemplary performance in hospital governance with an Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award. As board chair of Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia, Mr. Smith is credited with leading the hospital through financially challenging times with strength and commitment to the community it serves. His efforts as a positive advocate for the hospital’s mission of making quality health care available, affordable and accessible is an example to others in the pursuit of excellence in hospital governance.

**Dr. David Novis** also was honored for his exemplary performance in hospital governance with an Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award. As both a physician and a member of the board at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, Dr. Novis’ leadership

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and attention to improvement opportunities is reflected on every committee he serves, every question he asks, and in every suggestion he makes. The Family Resource Counselor office, the Medication Assistance Project, the free transportation project and the community Dental Center are just four of the significant programs Dr. Novis played a role in creating while on the board of trustees.

**William Toms, MD**, of the Cheshire Medical Center and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene, was presented with the Medical Staff Award for outstanding service to hospital and community. In his role as Medical Director and through his many other prominent positions, Dr. Toms provided the leadership necessary to help form a successful health system partnership that is certainly serving its community well.

**Ross Ramey, MD**, of Monadnock Community Hospital in Peterborough received the second Medical Staff Award. He has been very effective in strengthening the cooperation between the hospital and its medical staff, and successfully helped the hospital improve performance, a topic on which he is often called upon to speak. Dr. Ramey is well-respected as a manager and is a willing resource for handling matters pertaining to staff, visitors, patients and their families.

**Gregory Walker**, President and CEO of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, was honored with the Leslie A. Smith President's Award, bestowed upon an individual who has made an exceptional contribution directly to the NH Hospital Association. As immediate past chairman of the board, Mr. Walker played an integral part in the management and creative growth of the Association and its affiliates. He engaged all of the member hospital CEOs and former Board Chairmen in formulating and leading the Future Directions initiative, which resulted in repositioning both the Association and the Foundation for the future.

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