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AMDA Seeks Nominations for 2012 Medical Director of the Year

Columbia, MD – AMDA - Dedicated to Long Term Care Medicine is accepting nominations through January 10 for the 2012 Medical Director of the Year. First awarded in 2007, the honor recognizes those individuals whose vision, passion, leadership, knowledge, and commitment succeed in taking patient care to the highest levels of quality, excellence, and innovation.

Being named “Medical Director of the Year” is an honor that highlights the role of an innovative physician leader working with a strong interdisciplinary team. As the 2011 award recipient, Sabine von Preyss-Friedman, MD, CMD, said, “Because I’m Medical Director of the Year, people listen to me a little more. I’ve been invited to speak at hospitals and other settings; and I’ve been able to promote the medical director’s role.” She added, “It gave my facilities a real boost and a reason to celebrate.”

Nominees must be physicians in good standing within the community and the profession, AMDA members, Certified Medical Directors (CMDs), experienced medical directors and attending physicians, and proven team and clinical leaders. Additionally, candidates must be involved in community activities and be effective educators. A specially designated interdisciplinary Selection Committee will review the nominations, and the recipient will be announced during AMDA’s annual conference, Long Term Care Medicine – 2012 in San Antonio, on Friday, March 9.

“Each year, we receive numerous nominations for Medical Director of the Year – and all are outstanding professionals who practice compassion, innovation, and excellence every day in their facilities. Choosing one outstanding physician from this impressive group is always a challenge,” said AMDA Executive Director Lorraine Tarnove.

Previous award recipients are: Tim Malloy, MD, CMD (2007); J. Kenneth Brubaker, MD, CMD (2008); Rebecca Ferrini, MD, CMD (2009); Robert Schreiber, MD, CMD (2010); and Sabine von Preyss-Friedman, MD, CMD (2011)

For more information on submitting a nomination, visit <http://www.amda.com/awards/mdoty.cfm>.

AMDA – Dedicated to Long Term Care Medicine (formerly the American Medical Directors Association) is the national professional association of medical directors, attending physicians, and other professionals practicing long term care medicine committed to the continuous improvement of patient care. The organization provides education, advocacy, information, and professional development for medical directors and other practitioners from various disciplines working together to deliver quality long term care.

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