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Mountainside Hospital Physician Named "Family Physician of the Year"

(MONTCLAIR, NJ) Everett Schlam, MD, a member of the Mountainside Hospital medical staff and faculty member of the Hospital's Family Medicine Residency program, has been named Family Physician of the Year by the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians (NJAFP). Dr. Schlam maintains a practice at the Mountainside Family Practice Association in Verona, which is a principal training site for the Hospital's residency program.

The honor was bestowed upon Dr. Schlam at the Academy's annual meeting and scientific assembly, held June 20-21, 2008, in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Academy recognized Dr. Schlam not only for being a caring and compassionate physician, but also for his efforts in medical education. In addition to teaching Family Practice residents at Mountainside Hospital, Dr. Schlam is a frequent contributor to medical journals, such as *Perspectives*, the official journal of the NJAFP. In addition, he was recognized for his development of a pilot program with St. Georges Medical School to expose medical students to Family Medicine.

"Dr. Schlam is a great asset to Mountainside Hospital's medical staff, and more importantly, he is a great asset to his patients and to the young doctors he teaches," said Richard Cirello, MD, director of the Mountainside Hospital Family Medicine Residency program. Dr. Schlam himself is a graduate of the Mountainside Hospital Family Practice residency, and earned his medical degree from Rutgers Medical School.

"We are thrilled that Dr. Schlam has received this well-deserved recognition," said C. Barry Dykes, president and CEO of Mountainside Hospital. "He represents hundreds of doctors here, who are dedicated to their patients and to this community."

Dr. Schlam lives in Franklin Lakes, NJ.

Mountainside Hospital has served Montclair and surrounding communities since 1891, and today—with an outstanding medical staff, nurses, and other top quality caregivers—offers a wide array of sophisticated and caring health services, including Emergency Care, Women's Health Services, Cardiology, Cancer Care, Bariatric (Weight Control) Surgery, Wound Care, and Orthopedics. For more information, visit www.mountainsidenow.com.

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