Illinois Department Of Public Health Recognizes Colleen Andreoni For Excellence In Pediatric Care

Ron W. Lee, M.D. Pediatric Care Award – Lifetime Achievement

SPRINGFIELD– The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program are honoring Colleen Andreoni, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, ENP-C, a nursing faculty member at Loyola University of Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, with a special pediatric Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to childhood care. The Ron W. Lee, M.D. – Excellence in Pediatric Care Awards are given annually by IDPH and EMSC to recognize those dedicated to pediatric emergency care and childhood injury prevention initiatives. Individuals or organizations can be nominated in one of three award categories - Lifetime Achievement, Clinical Excellence, and Community Service.

Andreoni has worked for more than 40 years in a multitude of settings caring for pediatric patients. These include the emergency department, trauma unit, urgent care clinics, family medicine clinics, aeromedical transport, and at a high school-based health center. She is currently an advanced practice nurse, and has also served as a nurse manager, nurse educator, and EMS coordinator.

“Colleen Andreoni has greatly contributed to nursing science and evidence-based practice initiatives over her many years of service,” said IDPH Director Nirav D. Shah, M.D., J.D. “In addition to being a dedicated nurse, she has numerous publications related to pediatric emergency care, triage, pediatric sepsis, and pediatric assessment, as well as being the recipient of a multitude of awards. I’m honored to present Colleen Andreoni with the Ron W. Lee, M.D. - Excellence in Pediatric Care Lifetime Achievement Award.”

“Ms. Andreoni is a sought-after expert in the field of clinical pediatric nursing and has been a long-time advocate for children and their health promotion. She has gone above and beyond any clinician/educator that I have ever known, and for decades has worked tirelessly on behalf of emergency care for children,” said Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing Assistant Professor and Emergency Nurse Practitioner at Loyola University Medical Center Vicki Bacidore.

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The Ron W. Lee, M.D. Excellence in Pediatric Care awards are presented each May. Dr. Lee was the medical director for the Division of Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety at IDPH, as well as the director of emergency medicine at Loyola University Medical Center and was instrumental in establishing and fostering the EMSC program in Illinois. He passed away in 1998.

The Illinois EMSC program is currently a collaborative effort between IDPH and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago. It was established in 1994 to ensure the emergency medical care needs of children are adequately addressed.

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