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## **Jimmie A. Gleason, MD Honored With 2009 Peter Sweetland Award**

**Rockville, MD – June 2, 2009** –The Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA), a trade association that represents physician and other healthcare provider-owned and/or -operated medical professional liability insurance companies, recently presented Jimmie A. Gleason, MD with its Peter Sweetland Award of Excellence.

Gleason, a long time leader in medicine and the medical professional liability insurance industry, was given the award in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the industry.

Over his distinguished career, Dr. Gleason has served as the chairman of the board and president of the Kansas Medical Mutual Insurance Company, president of Lincoln Center OB/GYN, P.A., board member of Heartland Health and the Kansas Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Plan, and on numerous committees at St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center. Dr. Gleason's service to the PIAA includes chairman of the board from 2003-05, board member from 1999-2006, and chairman of the CPE Committee from 1999-2003.

“We are honored to present Dr. Gleason with this award,” said Lawrence Smarr, president of the PIAA. “His commitment and dedication to the PIAA and the medical professional liability insurance industry is inspiring and we thank him for his many years of service.”

The Peter Sweetland Award of Excellence, established in 1993 by the Association's Board of Directors, was created in honor of Peter Sweetland, one of the PIAA's chief architects and ardent supporters. The Peter Sweetland Award of Excellence recognizes an individual who has provided great service to the industry and to the PIAA, and epitomizes the high ideals and ethics that Peter Sweetland stood for.

*The Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA) is a trade association that represents physician and other healthcare provider-owned and/or -operated medical professional liability insurance companies which insure more than 60 percent of America's private practicing physicians as well as dentists, hospitals, and other healthcare practitioners.*

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