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## Leading Doctors to be Honored by the Nation's African-American Physicians Group

SILVER SPRING, MD – **Coleman K. Obasaju, M.D., Ph.D., Covia Stanley, M.D. and L. Natalie Carroll, M.D.** are the 2013 recipients of the prestigious National Medical Association's (NMA) *Scroll of Merit Award*. The awards will be conferred during NMA's 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly, which will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Canada. The Scroll of Merit Award is the highest honor conferred by the NMA and is given in recognition of unique exceptional achievement in medicine, science, education, or public service. The awards will be presented at the Opening and Awards Ceremony, Saturday, July 27, 2013, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Exhibit Hall G of the Convention Centre.

**Coleman K. Obasaju, M.D., Ph.D.**, is an oncologist and serves as a senior clinical research physician and global leader of diversity in clinical trials at Eli Lilly & Company. Dr. Obasaju is honored for his exemplary leadership, dedication and outstanding work in the field of oncology, clinical research and untiring focus on increasing minority participation in clinical trials. He is one of the most influential physicians in the country.

**Covia Stanley, M.D.**, is a retired obstetrician/gynecologist who has served as deputy director and acting director of the Virginia Department of Public Health. Dr. Stanley is recognized for his service and commitment to women's health and community medicine.

**L. Natalie Carroll, M.D.**, is an obstetrician/gynecologist and a Past President of the NMA. Dr. Carroll has been a tireless champion for the association and an outspoken advocate for women's health.

"These recipients join an illustrious elite group of Scroll of Merit Awardees and are outstanding physicians and shining examples of the best that medicine has to offer. They have made and continue to make a significant mark on the healthcare landscape and serve as role models to us all," said NMA President Rahn K. Bailey, M.D. "The NMA is very proud of them and bestow our highest honor."

Other awards to be given at the NMA Awards Ceremony are as follows:

- Practitioner of The Year – **Warren S. Hutchings, M.D.**
- Meritorious Achievement Award – **Cornelius Hopper, M.D.**
- Distinguished Service Award – **Thaddeus Bell, M.D.**
- Local Society of the Year – **Medico-Chirurgical Society** of District of Columbia
- W. Montague Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award – **Roselyn Payne Epps, M.D.**
- Cato T. Laurincin Distinguished Research Career Award – **Beny Primm, M.D.**

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Dr. Rahn K. Bailey will also issue special Presidential Awards during NMA's President's Ball on July 30. African American Deans of U.S. medical schools are being honored for their notable achievements and extraordinary commitment to academic excellence and medical education. They include:

- **Charles P. Mouton, M.D.**, Dean of the School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN
- **Mark S. Johnson, M.D.**, Dean, Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, D.C.
- **Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D.**, Dean of Morehouse Medical School, Atlanta, GA
- **Paul R. G. Cunningham, M.D.**, Dean of the Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
- **Danny O. Jacobs, M.D., Dean** of the School of Medicine, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX
- **E. Albert Reece, MD**, vice president for medical affairs, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
- **Daphne P. Calmes, M.D.**, Interim Dean, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Los Angeles, CA

Others receiving Presidential Awards are: The Honorable **Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)**; **Robert T. Phillips, M.D.**; **Annelle B. Primm, M.D.**; **J. Nadine Gracia, M.D.**; and **James H. Scully, Jr., M.D.**

The NMA Convention, which is being held July 27-31, 2013, is the largest gathering of African-American physicians in the world, bringing together physicians, key health policy leaders, scholars and government officials committed to improved health for African Americans in the United States.

Founded in 1895, the National Medical Association is the nation's oldest and largest medical association representing the interests of more than 35,000 African-American physicians and their patients. The NMA repeatedly advocates for policies that would assure equitable and quality health care for all people.

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