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**Connecticut Hospital Association Recognizes
Windham Hospital's Edward Sawicki, MD
As a 2008 Healthcare Hero**

June 18, 2008, Wallingford - At its 90th Annual Meeting on June 17th, the Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) recognized Edward Sawicki, MD as a 2008 Healthcare Hero. Dr. Sawicki was nominated for this award in an essay written by Shelley Racine, RN, Windham Hospital.

Dr. Sawicki, scheduled to retire from Windham Hospital later this month, has established a legacy of caring for his community and setting high standards for patient care. His work goes beyond the walls of the hospitals to projects such as creating a memorial garden to remember those who have departed. He has also been a source of support and encouragement to his colleagues at Windham Hospital, such as taking time to advise parents of children with special needs.

CHA's "Healthcare Heroes" Contest was developed in 2002 to celebrate the invaluable contributions of healthcare workers, both to their field and to the community at large. Now in its seventh year, the presentation of the "Healthcare Heroes" awards has become a highlight of CHA's Annual Meeting.

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The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut's Hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut's not-for-profit hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, public health, and hospital reimbursement.