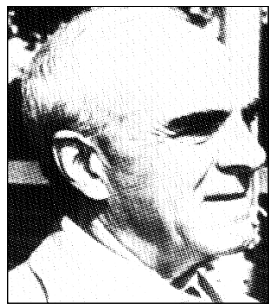


## Osborne Award Recipients

* 1963	William H. MacDonald	1988	Michael A. Pane
* 1964	Dennis J. Sullivan	1989	Milton Prystowsky, M.D.
1965	Cecil King Blanchard	1990	John D. Slade, M.D., F.A.C.P.
	Wallace Todd Eakins	1991	Charles I. Kauffman
1966	Charles Kientz, Jr.	1992	Louise C. Chut, Ph.D., M.P.H.
1967	<i>No Award</i>	*	David C. Byrnes
* 1968	Frederick P. Lee, M.D.	1993	William A. Frascella, Jr., O.D.
	Edward Gerner	1994	Walter A. Trommelen, M.P.H.
* 1969	Roscoe P. Kandle, M.D.	1995	William Parkin, D.V.M., Dr.P.H.
* 1970	Joseph F. Emmons	1996	Jack G. Sinagra
* 1971	John Hanson	1997	Louis J. Lamanna
1972	Ralph T. Fisher	1998	Ronald G. Ashley, Sr.
* 1973	Clyde R. Newell	1999	Patrick O. Hanson, M.A.
* 1974	Kenneth M. Jones	* 2000	Laurence P. Devlin, Jr.
* 1975	William J. Dougherty, M.D.	2001	Ronald Ulinsky
	Oscar Aquino	2002	George Van Orden, Ph.D.
1976	Carl Wendel	2003	Lee B. Reichman, M.D., M.P.H.
1977	Roberta L. Halligan	2004	Jorge H. Berkowitz, Ph.D.
* 1978	Walter J. Nicol	2005	Peter Correale
1979	Dr. A. Peter Capparelli	2006	John Surmay
* 1980	Jesse B. Aronson, M.D., M.P.H.	* 2007	Clement Ferdinando, M.P.H.
* 1981	Ronald Altman, M.D., M.P.H.	2008	Frank A. Grisi
* 1982	John H. Harrison, V.M.D.	2009	<i>No Award</i>
1983	Ronald Cohen, Ph.D.	2010	John O. Grun
1984	Hon. Gov. Thomas H. Kean	2011	<i>No Award</i>
* 1985	John Carlano	2012	Fred M. Jacobs, M.D., J.D.
1986	Ray F. English, Jr.	2013	Kevin G. Sumner, M.P.H.
1987	John J. Cane, D.D.S.		

\* Deceased



### Frank J. Osborne

*The late Frank J. Osborne began his public health experience in New Jersey as Assistant Health Officer of Montclair. This was followed by a stint as Health Officer of Orange. In 1924, he became Health Officer of East Orange, a post he held until he retired on December 31, 1961.*

*He was a member of the former State Board of Health from 1945 until 1947. In the 1950's, he was appointed by the State Commissioner of Health to be chairman of a committee of municipal health officers, which drafted a list of Recognized*

*Public Health Activities to be expected of all departments and a set of Minimum Standards by which to judge them. These were drafted for consideration of the Public Health Council of the State Department of Health, which subsequently adopted them as standards to which all good health departments should conform.*

*At a retirement dinner for Mr. Osborne on November 2, 1961, the New Jersey Health Officers Association announced that it was establishing an award for meritorious achievement in public health which it would confer on deserving individuals from time to time and that it would be called the Frank J. Osborne Memorial Award.*

*Mr. Osborne died January 22, 1965.*

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**RUTH  
PERRY, MD**

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## RUTH PERRY, MD

As an emergency room physician in Philadelphia, Dr. Ruth Perry saw patients return often – For minor ailments that just needed a doctor and for chronic illnesses like diabetes that weren't managed effectively. Twenty-five years later, the same problems exist in city emergency rooms, but now Dr. Perry is bringing about more holistic change. As executive director of the Trenton Health Team, she blends her medical background with corporate leadership experience to confront the health and wellness challenges of Trenton's neediest residents, and to ensure better care. "We hope to lead the nation in making innovative improvements in healthcare," Dr. Perry has said of the Team.

After earning a Bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Temple University, Dr. Perry spent seven years working long hours at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, where she was the Director of Occupational Health and attending physician of the Emergency Medicine Department. During this time, she was Associate Professor of Medicine at Temple University Hospital and served on the Albert Einstein Medical Center Bio-ethics Committee. After the birth of two daughters, she left the hospital for the chemical manufacturing company Rohm and Haas, where she remained for more than 15 years, focusing on product safety, implementation of best practices and change management. Rather than relocate to Michigan when the company was acquired by Dow Chemical, Dr. Perry retired, cared for her parents and then traveled – until an opportunity arose at the Trenton Health Team.

For Dr. Perry, being part of the Trenton Health Team satisfied a desire to join the nonprofit sector, and it allowed her to put both her business and medical skills to work. Since becoming executive director in April 2011, she established the organization's infrastructure and implemented changes that have already begun to improve lives. Dr. Perry's concern for her community and commitment to achieve better, more accountable health care are driving the Health Team's mission to make Trenton the healthiest city in the state.

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As executive director, Dr. Perry has worked to expand access to primary and integrated care, improve community-wide clinical care coordination, and engage the community through development of a unified Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, developed in partnership with a 40-member Community Advisory Board. Accomplishments under her leadership include the establishment of a city-wide Health Information Exchange, which allows real-time data sharing for population health within the Trenton area, and deployment of a nurse-led Care Management Team to coordinate services for the city's highest utilizers of emergency and inpatient services. For the initial cohort of patients receiving care management services, emergency department utilization decreased by more than 50%. The Trenton Health Team is working to break down the silos of healthcare and public health and has applied to become a Medicaid Accountable Care Organization through New Jersey's Demonstration Project. The Team is unique in having public health as a key partner in this endeavor.

Dr. Perry serves on several National Quality Forum Board task forces, the Temple University School of Medicine Alumni Council and the Ben Franklin Technology Partners Bio Technology Advisory Council. Outside of work, Dr. Perry sings in the choir of the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Trenton, and she is a classical pianist, amateur photographer and gardener. Dr. Perry hopes to use the arts to engage the homeless.

James Brownlee, Health Officer/Director with the Trenton Department of Health and Human Services, stated "I am pleased that this prestigious award recognizes the work of Dr. Ruth Perry and the Trenton Health Team. The city's Department of Health & Human Services has greatly benefited from the collaboration of the two Trenton hospitals and the federally qualified health center in this integrated approach to health care, and in supporting our public health work."

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