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**ATA Annual Awards Recognize Telehealth Leaders and Innovators**

(WASHINGTON, DC) The American Telemedicine Association announced today the winners of the 2011 ATA Annual Awards. These awards recognize individuals and organizations on the forefront of healthcare technology for their significant contributions to the development of telemedicine. Winners will formally accept their awards at the ATA 2011 Meeting and Exposition, May 1-3 in Tampa, FL.

“Telemedicine represents the future of quality healthcare and our award winners are the people and companies who have helped make this future possible,” said Dale Alverson, MD, President of the American Telemedicine Association. “Their dedication, hard work and innovations in the area of remote healthcare technology have saved and improved countless patients’ lives.”

The following awards were announced:

- **ATA President’s Award for the Advancement of Telemedicine – Individual**
  
  *Award supported by The Global Telemedicine Group*

  Winner:

  **Dena Puskin, ScD**, Senior Advisor, Health Information Technology and Telehealth Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, US Department of Health and Human Services, Rockville, MD

- **ATA President’s Award for the Advancement of Telemedicine – Institutional**

  *Award supported by AMD Global Telemedicine, Inc.*

  Winner:

  **University of Arkansas for Medical Science**, Little Rock, AR

- **ATA President’s Award for the Advancement of Telemedicine – Innovation**

  *Award supported by InTouch Health*

  Co-Winners (Recognized for their innovations in the automated detection of Diabetic Retinopathy):

  **Michael D. Abramoff, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Iowa Health Care, Iowa City, IA

  **Hubble Telemedical**, Nashville, TN
• **ATA Industry Council Award**  
  *Award supported by ViTel Net*  
  Winner:  
  **Alice Borrelli**, Director of Global Health and Workforce Policy, Intel Corporation

• **Special Interest Group & Chapter Achievement Award**  
  *Award supported by AT&T*  
  Winner:  
  **The ATA Telehealth Nursing Special Interest Group**

Full write-ups for each winner are available on the ATA 2011 website [(www.ata2011.org)](http://www.ata2011.org). The ATA Annual Awards have an open nomination period each spring; winners are selected by a peer committee of telemedicine leaders from academia and industry.

The American Telemedicine Association is the leading international resource and advocate promoting the use of advanced remote medical technologies. ATA and its diverse membership, works to fully integrate telemedicine into transformed healthcare systems to improve quality, equity and affordability of healthcare throughout the world. Established in 1993, ATA is headquartered in Washington, DC. For more information visit [(www.americantelemed.org)](http://www.americantelemed.org).

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