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Press Release

The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) to present the prestigious Nelson J. Bradley, M.D. life time achievement award at 2005 Annual Conference

Jack C. Whites, M.D. to receive the prestigious award from the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers.

Lancaster, PA, April 18, 2005: In 1983, a young but rapidly emerging organization recognized Nelson J. Bradley, M.D. with its *first annual* outstanding achievement award. Dr. Bradley participated and led the pioneering activities in Minnesota that resulted in a multi-disciplinary approach to treating persons with alcoholism and the recognition of alcoholism as a treatable disease. Through his early efforts treatment models were developed which have been modified, but are still in place today.

Shortly after presenting Dr. Bradley with this award, Dr. Bradley died and the award was named in honor of Dr. Bradley and his leadership in the field of addiction treatment. Since that time, 22 individuals have received this award.

The 2005 recipient of award is Jack C. Whites, M.D., a person who has been a leader in the addiction treatment field for over thirty (30) years. Dr. Whites will receive the 2005 Nelson J. Bradley Life Time Achievement Award on May 23, 2005 during the awards luncheon which will be part of the NAATP 2005 Annual Leadership conference to be held at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, AZ.

Dr. Whites received his medical degree from University of Mississippi School of Medicine in 1959 and completed rotating internships at Martin Army Hospital in Fort Benning, GA. Following this internship, Dr. Whites began family practice medicine in Michigan and Birmingham, AL. In 1977, Dr. Whites became the Medical Director of Brookwood Lodge, in Warrior, AL and when this program later became a part of the Parkside organization, Dr. Whites also became a Medical Director within the

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Parkside system.. Since 1993, Dr. Whites has been the Corporate Medical Director for Bradford Health Services located in Birmingham, AL. Dr. Whites is a member of the American Academy of Family Practice since 1964, the American Society of Addiction Medicine since 1978 and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism.

Dr. Whites has dedicated most of his professional career as a physician to treating the disease of addiction. He is beloved by fellow physicians, co-workers and patients as someone who is a true caregiver, a doctor's doctor. He is a physician remembered by each and every patient because of his selfless belief that everyone affected by the disease of addiction deserves recovery. Dr. Whites has a very special ability to relate well with patients, using his humor and honesty to disarm and motivate them creating a trusting atmosphere for recovery.

The award will be presented by Jerry W. Crowder the President/CEO of Bradford Health Services and others from the Birmingham area who have been touched by the life and work of Dr. Whites.

It will be an honor for the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers to present the 2005 award to Jack C. Whites, MD.

The intention of this annual award is to recognize the life long achievements of individuals and to preserve the memory of the many contributions to modern addiction treatment that Dr. Bradley so generously shared with the addiction treatment field.

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The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers is a trade association representing over 270 of the best known providers of addiction treatment both in this country and internationally. The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers' office and executive Dr. Ronald J. Hunsicker are located in Lancaster, PA and NAATP is governed by a Board of Directors from across the country. Additional information on this award or on the work of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers may be obtained by contacting the NAATP office at 717-392-8480