

AMA HONORS MAINE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR WITH TOP GOVERNMENT SERVICE AWARD

Dora Anne Mills, M.D., M.P.H., public health director, Maine Department of Health and Human Services, was honored on February 13th with the American Medical Association's highest award for a public official. Dr. Mills was one of eight honorees chosen this year to receive the Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service.



“Dr. Mills was nominated in recognition for many accomplishments during a decade of steadfast commitment to the public health needs of Maine,” said AMA President William G. Plested, M.D.

L-R: George Stephanopoulos, ABC News chief Washington correspondent and anchor of ABC News' This Week, Dora Anne Mills, M.D., M.P.H. with her award, and Cecil B. Wilson, M.D., Chair of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association.

"Through the Nathan Davis Awards, the American Medical Association salutes government officials that go above and beyond the call of duty to improve public health," said Dr. Plested. "Award winners come from every branch of government service, and are a testament to the important role public officials play in creating and implementing health policy that benefits Americans."



“Dr. Mills’ collaborative leadership on tobacco prevention and control has been praised as largely responsible for Maine’s dramatic drop in tobacco use among young people,” Dr. Plested said. “Thanks to her advocacy, Maine ranks first among states in funding for tobacco prevention programs.”

Dr. Mills was nominated for the award by the Brenda Harvey, commissioner, Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

This year marks the 19th anniversary for the Dr. Nathan Davis Awards. Recipients of this year’s awards also include Sen. Gordon Smith of Oregon, Rep. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, and Margaret Giannini, M.D., director, Office of Disability, U.S. Department of Health and Human Service. The awards are presented in conjunction with the AMA National Advocacy Conference at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.