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MMA ANNOUNCES EXCELLENCE IN MEDICAL JOURNALISM AWARDS

MINNEAPOLIS – David Phelps, health care reporter for the Star Tribune, and Barbara Reyelts, news reporter for the Northland's News Center in Duluth, have been named winners of the Minnesota Medical Association's 2007 Excellence in Medical Journalism Awards.

Phelps won the award for best print media piece for his article “Burden of hospitals’ charity is growing,” which showed the impact of the increasing number of Minnesotans without health insurance. Telling the story of an uninsured man who is fighting for his life because he didn’t see a doctor until his cancer was severely advanced, the article highlighted the growing burden on hospitals and the personal impact on uninsured Minnesotans.

Reyelts wrote and presented a two-part television report on "Dealing with Breast Cancer" which showed the best techniques for women to use in examining their breasts and what

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changes to look for. The second part of the story followed a young mother who had been diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer and raised awareness of this disease.

Both awards will be presented during MMA's Annual Meeting, on Thursday, September 20, at the Alltel Center, in Mankato.

The Minnesota Medical Association is a professional association of about 10,000 physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows.