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AMERICAN PUBLIC MEDIA REPORTER TO RECEIVE MMA JOURNALISM AWARD

MINNEAPOLIS—Marc Sanchez, staff writer for American Public Media's Weekend America program, will receive a Minnesota Medical Association's Excellence in Medical Journalism Award during the 155th MMA Annual Meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Riverfront in St. Paul Sept. 17-19.

The Excellence in Medical Journalism Award honors medical reporting that contributes to a better public understanding of medicine and health in Minnesota.

Sanchez, a resident of Minneapolis, was given the award for his radio feature "Donation Day," an on-air memoir about his own involvement in the National Marrow Donor Program. The feature was broadcast May 17, 2008, and is available in text form at this link:

http://www.mmaonline.net/Portals/mma/Publications/AANews/Awards/Donation_Day_by_Marc_Sanchez.pdf

The first-person recollection article raised public awareness about bone marrow donations.

The award will be presented at the MMA Awards Luncheon on September 18.

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