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## **Johnson & Johnson Receives 2012 Corporate Health Achievement Award** *Health care product manufacturer's culture of health deemed exemplary*

(Chicago, IL – April 30, 2012) Johnson & Johnson (JNJ), the world's most comprehensive and broadly based manufacturer of health care products, as well as a provider of related services for the consumer and pharmaceutical and medical devices and diagnostics markets, has been awarded the 2012 Corporate Health Achievement Award (CHAA) by the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM). JNJ received the award for its long history of commitment to the safety and health of its workers – a commitment that stretches back to the creation of its unique business credo in the 1940s.

The Corporate Health Achievement Award (CHAA) recognizes quality occupational and environmental health programs, identifies model programs and outstanding practices with measurable results and encourages organizational self-assessment and continuous improvement. Recipients of the annual award are judged on the strength of their health and safety programs for individual employees, their programs to protect the environment, their leadership and management, and for their efforts to create an overall work culture that stresses healthy lifestyles and safety consciousness. Only organizations with the most exemplary health and safety practices are considered for the award.

In 2007, JNJ developed a new set of formal goals in two categories – Safe People and Healthy People – to further improve the health and safety of its workforce. The company received the CHAA because it has consistently met these goals, creating innovative programs along the way. From its on-site health clinics and fitness centers to its “Million Step Challenge,” which encourages walking among its employees, the CHAA recognizes JNJ’s leadership in occupational health.

This is the second time JNJ has been honored as a recipient of the CHAA. The company won its first award in 1998, but elected not to rest on its laurels. JNJ re-applied for the award this year in order to assess how their programs have matured and to assure that they continue to provide world-class health and safety programs to their employees. JNJ’s commitment to its employees is evidenced by the continuous quality improvement across all health and safety programs.

With more than 250 JNJ operating companies employ approximately 115,000 people in 60 countries, JNJ was recognized for providing the resources that have enabled its employees worldwide to be healthy, fully engaged, and productive. JNJ works to achieve this by creating, promoting, and sustaining a global culture of health supported by consistent, competitive health programs and in so doing lead in business by leading in health. For more than 30 years, JNJ has helped employees recognize and change behaviors that threaten their health.

When we speak of “a culture of health” we mean “health” in the true sense of the word – a condition in which employees’ physical well-being is optimized by the environment and philosophy of the company they work for, said ACOEM President Warner Hudson III, MD. “JNJ exemplifies this approach through its innovated and exemplary health care programs and as such it is entirely fitting that JNJ’s accomplishments be recognized through the CHAA.”

The Corporate Health Achievement Award was established in 1997 as way of encouraging healthier and safer work environments. The ACOEM award program is considered the most rigorous and comprehensive of its kind, requiring extensive documentation from companies of their programs and practices and an onsite visit by a team of ACOEM evaluators. The CHAA recognizes quality occupational and environmental health programs.

“With passage of health reform legislation, it is more important than ever for employers to help their employees stay healthy and productive. ACOEM is redoubling its efforts at making sure the employer community is aware of innovations that can help in this effort,” said Dr. Hudson. “The CHAA program is a great way to share the best ideas about improving employee health in the nation.”

Applicants in the competition receive detailed feedback from ACOEM on their programs regardless of whether they receive an award, which helps raise awareness of best practices and, in the long run, improve standards for employee health and safety. “Safer, healthier workplaces mean increased productivity, more job satisfaction, less harmful environmental impact and enhanced community relationships,” said Dr. Hudson.

To learn more about JNJ, visit [www.jnj.com](http://www.jnj.com). To learn more about the CHAA, visit [www.chaa.org](http://www.chaa.org).

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