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## **McLean County Board of Health presents 2011 Public Health Award**

BLOOMINGTON— Richard W. Wellman , M.D., was named the recipient of the 19th annual McLean County Public Health Award for furthering public health principles, practices and services of McLean County. Board President Becky Powell presented the award at the Board of Health's meeting Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Wellman was recognized for acting as a liaison between the local OB/GYN physician community and the McLean County Health Department for more than 13 years. As a physician for more than 25 years, Dr. Wellman readily accepts patients who might otherwise have limited or inconsistent patterns of prenatal care. Wellman was nominated for demonstrating exemplary patient care, ensuring healthy pregnancy outcomes for mothers and babies of McLean County. His office also routinely donates medical supplies and pregnancy literature to Family Case Management within the health department for expectant mothers. Dr. Wellman and his staff demonstrate the spirit of public health by promoting essential medical and nursing care recommended for all women before and during pregnancy.

Each year, the McLean County Board of Health Public Health Award honors a McLean County resident, volunteer or employee who exhibits leadership in a public health-related activity and contributes to health promotion efforts within the county. The contribution can be professional or occupational, in a volunteer or paid capacity; in areas such as aging population, communicable disease, emergency preparedness, environmental health, health education and promotion, individuals with disabilities, injury prevention, maternal/child health, mental health, nutrition and fitness or any other health-related field. For more information about the McLean County Health Department or Board of Health, call (309) 888-5450 or visit [www.mcleancountyil.gov/health](http://www.mcleancountyil.gov/health).

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