



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the first Prix Galien USA Awards Ceremony. Since its establishment in France in 1970, the prestigious Prix Galien has honored leaders whose groundbreaking work in the pharmaceutical and biomedical sectors have improved the health and quality of life for countless men and women around the globe.

New York is the ideal place to launch Prix Galien USA. As home to some of the world's most esteemed medical institutions, which pioneer life-saving research and innovations, our City has long been a leader in medical advancement – and we are also setting a new standard for public health. We have taken bold action to curb smoking and restrict the use of artificial trans fats, and our Primary Care Information Project will help bring prevention-oriented electronic health records to more than 1,000 primary care providers in medically underserved communities. Today, New Yorkers are living longer than the average American for the first time since World War II, and we are determined to build on this foundation and achieve even greater success.

On behalf of the City of New York, I congratulate all of tonight's honorees, and hope that they will enjoy this much-deserved recognition for their vital work – which is helping us meet Hippocrates's challenge to "promote and develop public health." Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor