

MEDCHI SWEARS IN NEW PRESIDENT AT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Stephen Rockower, MD, of Rockville, becomes MedChi's 169th President

BALTIMORE, September 28, 2016—MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, swore in their new President on September 24th at the Fall House of Delegates Meeting. Dr. Stephen Rockower, MD, is the society's 169th President.

As president, Dr. Rockower will work to increase participation of physicians from all over the state in medical society affairs by promoting the use of interactive, web-based video and audio technology. This will save physicians time and mileage by allowing them to participate in discussions from the comfort of their homes and offices. In addition, he wants to continue the efforts of his predecessors, Drs. Tyler Cymet and Brooke Buckley, in promoting the health and welfare of the residents of Maryland, through programs for Opioid Control, Sugar Free Kids, and Tobacco Cessation. One of his principal goals is to combat burnout in physicians, residents and medical students.

Dr. Rockower grew up outside Philadelphia and graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA. He received his MD from Temple University in Philadelphia, and did his Internship and Residency in Orthopaedics at George Washington University, finishing his Chief Residency at George Washington and the Washington Hospital Center.

Dr. Rockower, a partner in Capitol Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, specializes in Joint Replacements, including Partial Knee Replacements and Reconstructive Surgery, and treats injuries of all age groups. His practice started in Silver Spring, and has moved to Rockville.

Dr. Rockower was President of the Montgomery County Medical Society for 2014-15 and 2006-07 and still serves on their Executive Board. He has served in numerous capacities within MedChi including: Treasurer, Board Member, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Chair of the Computer Committee, and Co-Chair of the Operations Council. He is on the Editorial Board and has been writing for many years for *Maryland Medicine*, MedChi's quarterly journal. He has also served as Chair of Orthopaedics at Suburban Hospital and as Chair of the Emergency Room Committee at Holy Cross Hospital. He represents Maryland as a Delegate at the AMA, helping to determine national medical policy. He is the recipient of three prestigious Laughlin awards.

Dr. Rockower was recently featured on the Montgomery County Cable Network (Channel 16) on Housecall and he is again a *Washingtonian Magazine* "Top Doctor" for 2016 (and many years before) and a nationally recognized "Top Doctor".

There will be a Presidential Gala in his honor on Saturday, October 29, at the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda. For more information visit our website at www.medchi.org/gala.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit www.medchi.org.