

# 2017 AMA Interim Meeting Report

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MARYLAND DELEGATION TO THE AMA

# MedChi Resolution

- ▶ MedChi Resolution 6-17 “Free Speech Applies to Scientific Knowledge” was submitted to the AMA for consideration.
- ▶ AMA Resolution 228 was adopted as follows:

Resolved, that our AMA advocate that scientific knowledge, data, and research will continue to be protected and freely disseminated in accordance with the U.S. First Amendment (Directive to Take Action).

# A-17 Major Moments

- ▶ David O. Barbe, MD was installed as AMA President.
  - ▶ In his inaugural address, he focused on the responsibility of physicians to be positive, collaborative leaders who serve with integrity.
- ▶ Barbara L. McAneny, MD was elected as AMA President-elect.
  - ▶ Dr. McAneny is an oncologist from New Mexico.

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- ▶ The House of Delegates directed the AMA Opioid Task Force to continue taking an active role in reducing opioid-related harm.
- ▶ AMA policy was reaffirmed in regards to the association's committee to the health and privacy of all patients, irrespective of their immigration status.
- ▶ The ongoing Congressional health care reform process was a hot topic that continues to be monitored closely by the AMA.

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- ▶ **Providing Care to Veterans:** Pledged their continued commitment to improving access to care for US veterans, Delegates voted to continue working with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide quality care to veterans and advocate new funding for the Veterans Choice Program
- ▶ **Regulation of Physician Assistants:** Voted to adopt a resolution directing the AMA to support advocacy efforts to maintain the regulation of physicians, physician assistants and related medical personnel by medical licensing and regulatory boards and to oppose legislative efforts to establish autonomous regulatory boards for physician assistants.
- ▶ **Maintenance of Certification:** Delegates voted to assure that "lifelong learning" is best achieved by ongoing participation in a high-quality, specialty-specific CME programs.

# 2017 Interim Meeting

- ▶ The 2017 Interim meeting will be held November 11-14 in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- ▶ The Maryland Delegation will submit resolutions adopted today by MedChi's House of Delegates

# 2018 Annual Meeting

- ▶ The 2018 Annual meeting will be held June 9-13 in Chicago, Illinois
- ▶ Padmini Ranasinghe will be running for a position on the Council on Science and Public Health

# Thank You

- ▶ **As always, we are grateful for our staff for their work before and during the meeting, and I am also grateful for all the excellent work done by your delegation at the meeting.**
- ▶ **Thanks to the MedChi House of Delegates for sending such a great delegation to AMA from Maryland.**

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