

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 7-17

INTRODUCED BY: Opioid Task Force

SUBJECT: Opioid Outreach and Education

1 Whereas, the state of Maryland is experiencing an Opioid Crisis; and

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3 Whereas, MedChi has convened an Opioid Task Force to address the Crisis and mitigate the
4 physician's role in the Crisis; and

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6 Whereas, the Opioid Task Force focuses on how to train physicians to identify substance use
7 disorders' risk factors and how to prescribe controlled substances safely; and

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9 Whereas, the Opioid Task Force has discovered there is a lack of data available to analyze
10 prescription trends, risk factors, and resulting substance use disorders; therefore be it

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12 Resolved, the MedChi will search for opportunities to fund research and obtain data on opioid
13 prescription trends, risk factors, and safe prescribing practices, and use this data to advocate for
14 policies that protect patients and physicians, and educate physicians on how to apply MedChi's
15 findings; and be it further

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17 Resolved, that MedChi's Opioid Task Force will help promote scientifically-based (or evidence-
18 based) non-opioid treatments for pain where appropriate.

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21 As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 30, 2017.
