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## **GREAT RESULTS FOR MARYLAND PHYSICIANS AFTER PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

BALTIMORE, June 26, 2014 — One thing is clear about yesterday's primary results --- It was a big step for Maryland physicians. By our count, nine physician-candidates will be party nominees in the general election in November.

Congressman Andy Harris, M.D., an anesthesiologist who also served in the State Senate for twelve years, easily won his party's nomination in his bid to be reelected to his 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District seat.

Come next January, longtime delegate emergency physician Dan Morhaim, M.D., may not be the lone physician in the Maryland General Assembly. In addition to Dr. Morhaim, who easily won renomination for his 11<sup>th</sup> District seat, Clarence Lam, M.D., and Terri Hill, M.D., were the top two vote getters in the primary contest for the Democratic nominations for the open delegate seats in the 12<sup>th</sup> District, while Jay Jalisi, M.D., will be one of the Democratic nominees for a delegate seat in the 10<sup>th</sup> District. Dr. Lam is a specialist in preventive medicine at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Dr. Hill is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in private practice in Howard County, and Dr. Jalisi is an ENT working with non-profits. Tim Robinson, M.D., a Towson –based anesthesiologist, having won his party's nomination, will be seeking the State Senate seat representing the 42<sup>nd</sup> District.

Physicians also prevailed in races for less well-known positions. Eric Wargotz, M.D., a Republican, and Tom Walsh, M.D., a Democrat, will be on the ballot in Queen Anne's County, for positions on the Orphans' Court. Mark Edney, M.D., a Salisbury urologist, won a position on the Wicomico County Republican Central Committee. Party central committees often serve as a first stepping stone to higher political office.

MedChi congratulates yesterday's winners and thanks all the physician candidates for making the sacrifices that entering the political fray entails.

### About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. 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](http://www.medchi.org).