

# MEDCHI'S LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

# 2015

## PUBLIC HEALTH

### **DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY**

Worked with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Hospital Association to dramatically limit the practice of direct-entry midwifery and the conditions under which they may attend a home birth.

### **PHARMACISTS**

Objected to the inclusion of pharmacists as prescribers and to the breadth of drugs they could administer.

### **SUGAR FREE KIDS**

Supported Sugar Free Kids, Maryland's initiative to combat childhood obesity and juvenile diabetes.

### **TANNING BEDS**

Fought to prevent minors from dangerous exposure to indoor tanning beds.

### **TOBACCO TAX**

Advocated for the groundwork to be laid for implementation of the tobacco tax.

### **TOXIC CHEMICAL EXPOSURE**

Participated in the fight against toxic chemical exposure to ensure physicians and patients have access to critical information required to protect the public health.

### **STERILE**

### **COMPOUNDING PERMIT**

Repealed Maryland's 2013 "Sterile Compounding Permit" legislation that hindered the ability for patients to receive necessary medication.

### **PRACTITIONERS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Ensured practitioners are properly qualified for procedures performed.

### **MEDICAID FUNDING**

Protected Medicaid funding against budget cuts.

### ***Are you concerned about Public Health?***

MedChi is the only association representing all physicians in Maryland on behalf of patients and the public health. It is important to remember that as MedChi works to make Maryland an attractive state in which to practice medicine, this helps address the physician shortage by keeping physicians here. This year, MedChi, together with component societies, fought in Annapolis to achieve these victories.

Increasingly, physicians are not being invited

to the table to make clinical choices affecting your patients and your livelihood. Being a part of the conversation means being a member of MedChi. We could not have achieved these victories without membership support.

Through MedChi, physicians are working daily to ensure that the Maryland General Assembly is enacting physician and patient-friendly legislation. We encourage you to get involved locally in your MedChi component medical society, because that is how change happens. Let your voice be heard.

***To Keep Your Profession Strong, Join Today!***

**THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!**

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MedChi is dedicated to empowering physicians to take charge of the Maryland health care system through physician leadership. We are devoted to protecting your interests and profession. MedChi members gain access to other valuable resources including consultation, education, discounts, health

information technology support, and insurance products.

MedChi Needs You! Are you an academic physician within your specialty? Do you have a patient or public health concern? We urge you to join one of MedChi's Councils or Committees:

**COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL**

- Publications Committee
- Membership Committee

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

- Board and Commissions Committee
- Insurance Committee
- Public Health Committee

**MEDICAL ECONOMICS COUNCIL**

- Information Technology Committee
- Employed Physicians Committee
- Payer Relations Committee

**MEDICAL POLICY COUNCIL**

- Disaster Preparedness Committee
- Disparities in Health Care Committee
- Ethics and Judicial Affairs Committee
- Public Health Committee

**OPERATIONS COUNCIL**

- Continuing Medical Education Review Committee
- Performing Arts Medicine Committee
- Committees on Scientific Activities

**SECTIONS**

- International Medical Graduate
- Young Physicians
- Medical Students - MedChi Membership is Free
- Residents and Fellows - MedChi Membership is Free

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*Sugar Free Kids is Maryland's foremost advocate for prevention of childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes. Led by MedChi, the American Heart Association, NAACP, The Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) and The Horizon Foundation, Sugar Free Kids is working to make the healthy choice the easy choice by educating Marylanders about the twin epidemics and the role sugary drinks play in the crisis, in order to raise awareness, build a strong diverse coalition, and effect legislative change. For resources and details, visit [www.sugarfreekidsmd.org](http://www.sugarfreekidsmd.org).*