



The Maryland State Medical Society

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**AMA PRESIDENT, DR. PATRICE HARRIS, TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT
MEDCHI ANNUAL MEETING**

BALTIMORE, July 30, 2019 – The Maryland State Medical Society’s 2019 Annual Meeting and Fall House of Delegates meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2 in Hanover, Maryland.

Dr. Patrice Harris, a psychiatrist from Atlanta, and President of the American Medical Association (AMA) will be this year’s keynote speaker. Dr. Harris plans to present keynote remarks focusing on her vision for organized medicine, experiences in AMA leadership, and other pertinent topics.

Dr. Harris has been active in organized medicine her entire career and has held many leadership positions at both the national and state level. She has served on the AMA’s Board of Trustees since 2011, including a term as chair from 2016 – 2017. She previously served as chair of the AMA’s Council on Legislation, and on the boards of the American Psychiatric Association and the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association.

A key priority for Dr. Harris is developing solutions to end the nation’s opioid epidemic. Since 2014, she has chaired the AMA’s Opioid Task Force, which brings together specialty and state medical societies and other health care associations to move swiftly to implement best practices to combat the opioid epidemic and save lives.

During the meeting MedChi delegates will also be discussing and considering many reports and resolutions on various topics and policies.

Full details on MedChi’s House of Delegates meeting can be found on our website at www.medchi.org/HOD.

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.