



The Maryland State Medical Society

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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

BALTIMORE, September 27, 2013 — September is National Recovery Month. In preparation for this health observance, The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is working with MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, to help promote NIDAMED's resources for clinicians and patients about drug addiction treatment, including prescription drug/opioid abuse treatment, alcohol abuse and smoking. More detailed information about the treatment resources can be found at <http://1.usa.gov/14ORB5w>.

It is a hope that Americans will be educated on the fact that addiction treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life. The observance's main focus is to encourage positive changes made by those in recovery from these conditions, just as we would those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.

Dr. Russell Wright, the new President of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, hopes that this month will “encourage citizens to take action to help expand and improve the availability of effective prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those in need.”

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. 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.