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**MEDCHI ANNOUNCES 2025 ANNUAL MEETING & FALL HOUSE OF
DELEGATES SESSION**

*Awards Ceremony, Policy Discussions, and Installation of New President Scheduled for
October 25*

BALTIMORE, October 16, 2025 – The Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) is pleased to announce that its 2025 Annual Meeting and Fall House of Delegates session will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2025, in Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

This year's meeting will feature the presentation of MedChi's most prestigious awards, honoring individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the organization's mission as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, patients, and the public health.

2025 Award Recipients include:

- **Carolyn O'Connor, M.D.** – 2025 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin Distinguished Board of Trustees Member Award
- **Eric S. Wargotz, M.D., F.C.A.P.** – 2025 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin Distinguished Committee Chair Award
- **Benjamin H. Lowentritt, M.D.** – 2025 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin Distinguished Member Award
- **Kathleen Keeffe, M.D., Rene Desmarais, M.D., and Allan D. Jensen, M.D.** – MedChi President's Awards
- **Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller, Delegate Emily Shetty, and Comptroller Brooke Lierman** – 2025 Legislative Awards

In addition, the meeting will include the **installation of Eric S. Wargotz, M.D., F.C.A.P.**, as the 178th President of MedChi for the 2025–26 year.

MedChi delegates will review and discuss reports and resolutions on a wide range of topics and policies. Among the highest priorities will be reaffirming MedChi's commitment to Medicaid advocacy, continuing to fight for adequate funding, fair payment, and improved patient access within the program.

The meeting will also feature a special morning keynote panel presentation moderated by **Eric S. Wargotz, M.D.**: *“Good Nutrition, Good Health, and How to Get There: The Road to Better Preventive Medicine and Public Health.”*

Panelists include:

- **Aruna Nathan, M.D.**, Lifestyle Medicine Physician and President of the Montgomery County Medical Society
- **Neal Barnard, M.D.**, Founder and President of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
- **Congressman Andy Harris, M.D.**, U.S. House of Representatives (MD-1) and Chair of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration Committee

The Annual Meeting and House of Delegates session is free for MedChi members.

The full agenda is available here: <https://www.medchi.org/HOD>.

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.