

# **The Committee on Scientific Activity**

## Mission Statement

### **Purpose**

- The purpose of the MedChi Continuing Medical Education (CME) program shall be to extend medical knowledge among physicians and the public; to facilitate the dissemination of medical science, to maintain and to elevate the standards of medical education and medical ethics; to effect change and improvement in one or more of the following ways: improvement in the competence or performance of physicians, or to improve the health outcomes of the individual patient and the community.

To achieve these goals, the Committee on Scientific Activities (COSA) of MedChi shall develop and present educational activities designed to assist Maryland physicians in maintaining, modifying and advancing their knowledge, skills and professional performance in order to best serve patients, the public and the medical profession. Specific educational activities are developed to enable physicians to:

- Enhance their skills and knowledge of basic medical sciences,
- Identify and apply advances in clinical medicine,
- Become better informed on issues involved in the optimal provision of health care,
- Explore current issues in clinical care from interdisciplinary and multi-specialty perspectives,
- Enhance professional growth and development by providing self-directed learning activities ,
- To improve patient outcomes and enhance overall public health, and
- Comply with mandatory requirements for CME credits necessary to retain licensure to practice medicine in Maryland.

### **Scope**

MedChi's overall CME program includes activities presented at the regularly held annual meeting, as well as special activities determined to assist physicians to meet their educational needs and professional goals and/or to meet a specific immediate need in the arena of public health. In order to increase the availability of high quality, relevant activities throughout the year, MedChi engages in joint sponsorships with MedChi affiliated specialty societies, and with other organizations offering exceptional educational opportunities to Maryland's physicians. In addition MedChi will on occasion produce enduring materials to meet its stated purpose.

### **Characteristics of Participants**

MedChi's program is primarily committed to meeting the educational needs of its membership and physicians in the State of Maryland. However, its CME activities are available to all physicians, and when appropriate, to physicians' support staff and allied health professionals.

### **Activities and Services**

MedChi CME activities include conferences, lectures, workshops, panel presentations, online activities, and self-study.

Osler Hall in the MedChi Building serves as a multi-purpose meeting space for holding lectures, panels and conferences. A number of other rooms are available as break-out-rooms. A full complement of audio-visual equipment is available for the effective delivery of instructional materials.

The Department of Continuing Medical Education maintains records of attendance of all CME activities sponsored by the Committee on Scientific Activity.

MedChi recognizes the educational need of its constituency and endorses the efforts of its Committee on Scientific Activity to promote the highest standards of health and health care.