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The Maryland State Medical Society



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IMPACT UPDATE

MedChi's mission is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, patients, and the public health.



From the President...
Eric Wargotz, M.D.

The connection between health care and public policy has never been more evident. Legislation and regulation influence nearly every aspect of medical practice, from how care is delivered to how patients access essential services. Because these decisions directly affect patient outcomes and the sustainability of the profession, it is imperative that physicians actively participate in policy discussions. A well-informed physician voice ensures that laws are grounded in clinical reality and reflect not just our needs, but the needs of our patients.

By engaging in advocacy, physicians can help shape policies that promote wellness not only for those receiving care, but also for those providing it. This broader



From the CEO...
Gene Ransom, III

MedChi is pleased to announce its **2026 Presidential Gala** - an elegant evening celebrating leadership, service, and excellence in medicine. This year's gala honors the leadership of MedChi President Eric Wargotz, MD, FCAP. Guests are invited to experience a red-carpet celebration where attendees are the VIPs and stars of the night.

The Presidential Gala will take place on **Saturday, March 28, 2026**, at the **Chesapeake Bay Beach Club** in Stevensville, Maryland. Set against the beautiful backdrop of the Chesapeake Bay, the evening promises a sophisticated and festive atmosphere, bringing together physicians, colleagues, and supporters for a memorable

perspective is essential in addressing workforce challenges, improving care delivery systems, and fostering environments where high-quality medicine can thrive. Advocacy transforms individual clinical experiences into collective action for systemic improvement.

Physicians bring unparalleled expertise and a high level of public trust to the policy arena. This unique position allows you to provide critical guidance on complex health issues, eliminate systemic inequities, and advocate for fairness within the health care system. Participating in organized advocacy efforts is both an honor and a responsibility, strengthening the profession and safeguarding patient care.

We hope you join us in these efforts by participating in any of our upcoming initiatives!



Sign Up Now for MedChi's 2026 Doctor of the Day!

Volunteer to serve in the Maryland State House First Aid Room during the 2026 General Assembly Session. **Sign up here.** Questions? Contact Hamida Mansaray at hmansaray@medchi.org or call 410-878-9599.

View MedChi's 2026 Legislative Priorities



MedChi's Council on Legislation begins in January 2026!

The Council reviews state legislation and regulations, provides policy recommendations, and ensures that physicians' and patients' interests are represented in Maryland's legislative process. Members interested in participating or learning more are encouraged to get involved. For details, visit [MedChi's Legislative Council page](#). If you're interested in joining, contact [Hamida Mansaray](#) or call 410-878-9599.

2026 Legislative Session KICK OFF
*Registration Required
Monday, January 26th
• 6:00pm - 8:00pm
• Acqua AI 2
236 Main Street
Annapolis, Maryland
Questions?
Contact jfeaster@medchi.org

night of recognition and celebration. Black tie attire is encouraged, adding to the glamour of this signature MedChi event.

Tickets are \$150 per person, and attendance is limited. Guests are encouraged to RSVP by March 13, 2026, to secure their place at this premier event.

You or your practice are also welcome to support the Gala with a **sponsorship or an advertisement** in the souvenir program book.

The 2026 Presidential Gala offers a unique opportunity to celebrate medical leadership, connect with peers, and honor a distinguished physician leader in an unforgettable setting.

Visit the Gala webpage for more information.

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MARCH 28, 2026
Chesapeake Bay Beach Club
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\$150 per person
*Black Tie Encouraged
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What is MMPAC?
The Maryland Medical Political Action Committee provides political education and advocacy.

Why Contribute?
Your donations help us to advocate effectively in Annapolis - giving us access to legislators to influence policy that will protect Maryland physicians and patients!

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