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## **MEDCHI HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING; INSTALLS DR. PADMINI RANASINGHE AS NEW PRESIDENT**

BALTIMORE, October 29, 2024 – Padmini Ranasinghe, M.D., MPH, FACP, FACPM, FSHM was inaugurated as the 177th President of MedChi at its 225<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Ranasinghe, an Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, has been appointed President of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. Dr. Ranasinghe has a long-term involvement in organized medicine, both in the state and at national level. She had been an active MedChi member for over 15 years and is a past president of the Baltimore City Medical Society (BCMS).

Nationally, Dr. Ranasinghe has been actively involved in the American Medical Association (AMA) after receiving in 2007 the Young Physician Excellence in Medicine Leadership Award from the AMA Foundation. She trained in Combined Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine and has earned an MPH from Yale University. In 2018, Dr. Ranasinghe was elected by the AMA House of Delegates to the AMA Council on Science and Public Health (CSAPH) for two terms ending in 2026. AMA-CSAPH is the body tasked with addressing a wide range of AMA's public health and scientific policy and includes guiding the AMA's efforts to improve healthcare delivery and patient outcomes. She serves as the current Vice Chair.

At the AMA, Dr. Ranasinghe served two terms on the Governing Council of the International Medical Graduate (IMG) Section and was elected Chair from 2013 to 2014. AMA-IMG Section represents a quarter of all practicing physicians in the United States. In Maryland, Dr. Ranasinghe has held several leadership roles. In addition to being a past president of the Baltimore City Medical Society, she has been a member of the MedChi Board of Trustees and had been the Treasurer and the Speaker of the House of Delegates. She has also served on many committees of importance to the mission of MedChi. She currently serves on the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) Total Cost of Care Work Group.

At Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Dr. Ranasinghe is a dedicated clinician, educator, and researcher, serving as the Co-Director of Education in the Division of Hospital Medicine. She mentors medical students, residents, and public health students, and has wide-ranging research interests spanning the health and wellness of medical trainees and physicians, disaster medicine, climate health, global health, chronic disease prevention, value-based care, and health informatics.

In her role as President of MedChi, Dr. Ranasinghe has recognized the importance and timeliness of engaging with the wider discussions on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and related technologies, due to their unprecedented potential for use in healthcare systems. She recently co-chaired an international conference, Asia Tech 2024 held in Indonesia, where global healthcare stakeholders discussed emerging opportunities and challenges associated with AI in healthcare.

“As physicians, it is crucial for us to continuously engage with technological developments affecting healthcare to better serve our patients in their hour of need. Many experts today believe that the healthcare landscape is on the threshold of a major evolution. Advances such as AI provide us with unprecedented potential for solving many real-world problems if and when they are used with foresight. I am eager to harness our collective wisdom as physicians to benefit the many communities we serve. Our goal is to remain engaged with other stakeholders in advancing these technological innovations with the hope of guiding them to their potential for the highest common good,” said Dr Ranasinghe.

Dr. Ranasinghe began her medical education at the Colombo Medical Faculty in Sri Lanka, an established medical school in South Asia with a history spanning 154 years, and currently lives in Baltimore city with her two daughters and husband.

#### 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](http://www.medchi.org).