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MEDCHI TO INSTALL ERIC WARGOTZ, M.D., FCAP, AS NEW SOCIETY PRESIDENT

BALTIMORE, October 20, 2025 – Eric Wargotz, M.D., FCAP, a doctor from Queen Anne’s County, will be inaugurated as the 178th President of MedChi at its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 25th.

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, proudly highlights the extraordinary career and diverse accomplishments of Dr. Eric Wargotz, a physician, judge, and seasoned C-suite executive whose work spans medicine, law, government, and business.

Dr. Wargotz states “I am deeply humbled and honored to be elected the 178th President of MedChi, and I am grateful to the MedChi House of Delegates for placing their trust and confidence in me to lead the Society. Together, and with the support and advocacy of our amazing staff and CEO, I am confident we will advance not only our legislative priorities but also achieve our legislative goals on behalf of our members, all Maryland physicians, and most importantly, our patients. We at MedChi have many important priorities. During my tenure as President of MedChi, we expect to promote advancing preventive medicine and strengthening public health with a focus on guiding Marylanders onto the path toward healthier lives. We must continue our work to protect physicians from unreasonable tort actions including frivolous suits and unjust awards. We will continue our focus on AI in healthcare and keep a watchful eye on the evolution of the AHEAD program. Increasing membership and advancing the efforts of The Center for Healthy Maryland also remain high priorities.”

Dr. Wargotz is widely recognized for his expertise in the specialty of pathology with distinction for seminal research in diseases of the breast and gynecologic systems and his research is highly cited in medical literature. He is a member of the prestigious **Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists**, a **Life Fellow of the College of American Pathologists**, and a **Life Member of the American Medical Association**. He has served on the editorial board of the “**American Journal of Clinical Pathology**” and “**Human Pathology**”. Dr. Wargotz is the recipient of Patient Choice, Compassionate Doctor, On-Time Physician, and America’s Top Physician awards and has been included in the following compendiums: American Men and Women of Science; 2000 Notable American Men; Who’s Who Among Rising Young Americans; Who’s Who in the East; America’s Most Honored Professionals.

Dr. Wargotz contributes to advancing medicine as **Senior Staff Pathologist at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center in Lanham, MD** and is honored this year to be awarded emeritus status as **Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pathology at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences**. He continues his history of vigorous involvement and contribution through committee work at both institutions as well as continuing to advise and mentor students on careers in healthcare, and approaches to success in their pursuit.

Dr. Wargotz has an extensive record of leadership. He served as **Medical Director and Chief of Pathology at Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center** for 20 years and has served in many leadership positions at that institution. Dr. Wargotz served as President of the **Queen Anne's County Medical Society** for five years with membership in MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society spanning 35 years. His service has included **Board of Trustees Member, Chair of the Joint Continuing Education Committee, and Chair of the Operations Council.**

As a dedicated public servant, Dr. Wargotz continues to serve on the bench as **Judge of the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's County** since 2014 and was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to chair the **Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans' Court** (2021). He was the **Elected President and countywide (at-large) member of the Queen Anne's County Board of County Commissioners** (2006–2010), with leadership roles on the Board of Health, Planning Commission, Teen Drug Task Force, Regional Mental Health Advisory Committee, the Fire and Emergency Services Commission, Bay Bridge Airport Commission, and Sheriff's Office. Regionally, he chaired the **Upper Shore Regional Council** (2007) and served on the **Maryland Rural Broadband Coordination Board** and the **Rural Maryland Council**. Dr. Wargotz is a former member of the **Maryland Board of Quality Assurance** and is an Honorary Fellow of the **Federation of State Medical Boards**. His active involvement in community health initiatives has been recognized by both local and state government through legislative resolutions and certificates citing his contributions to public health. During his term as commissioner, Dr. Wargotz was instrumental in bringing to fruition with his fellow commissioners (especially Commissioner Gene Ransom) the establishment of the first free-standing emergency facility in Maryland, the dedication of an urgent care center, and coordinating volunteer and county emergency medical services into a model "hybrid system", all resulting in improved health care access and delivery in Queen Anne's County, MD and the region.

Born in Akron, Ohio, Dr. Wargotz earned his B.S. in Biological Sciences from Rutgers University and his M.D. from The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He completed residency training in pathology at George Washington University Medical Center and the VA Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he served as Chief Resident. His excellence in teaching was recognized with the Frank N. Miller, M.D. Award for Excellence in Medical Student Teaching at George Washington University. Following residency, Dr. Wargotz was awarded the Callender-Binford Fellowship of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology to pursue research in Breast and Gynecological Pathology.

When not in service to others, Dr. Wargotz treasures spending time with his wife Cheryl-Ann Lee-Llacer Wargotz, and their children Jacob, Samuel, and Leila; cheering on local sports teams; discussing politics; reading ancient history (Egyptology); learning to play the guitar; and trying to squeeze in an acting job whenever possible.

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.