



*The Maryland State Medical Society*

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**THE ALLIANCE TO MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY,  
RECEIVES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PARTNER AWARD**

BALTIMORE, July 26, 2012 – The AMA Alliance honored the Alliance to MedChi and MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, with the Medical Association Partner Award (MAP) at their Annual Meeting in Chicago on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. The award was accepted by Gene Ransom, MedChi CEO and Gail Johnson, State Alliance President on behalf of Michele Kalish, State Alliance Past President who could not attend.

This award was given in recognition of the combined efforts of the Maryland State Alliance and Medical Society to create a "Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Weekend" which took place last Fall by gubernatorial proclamation. This weekend was an offshoot of the very successful Safe Disposal of Medicine project started by Michele.

Michele Kalish, Past President, Alliance to MedChi, stated "This program was started to protect our children from drugs. We need to move forward and take it to the next level."

The Medical Association/Society Partner Awards are new awards created in 2011 by the AMA Alliance to recognize excellence in Alliance partnerships or collaboration with their state and county medical association/society. This award is most appropriate because MedChi has been extremely supportive of this project as well as other Alliance endeavors.

For more information on the Alliance to MedChi, please visit [www.medchi.org/alliance](http://www.medchi.org/alliance).

[About the Alliance to MedChi](#)

The mission of the Alliance is to partner with physicians to build healthy communities and support the family of medicine. If you are the spouse of a physician, resident physician, or medical student, you are invited to join the Alliance.

[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).