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## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

BALTIMORE, March 21, 2012 - The Prince George's County Medical Society installed Shital Desai, M.D. as its 90<sup>th</sup> president during their meeting at the Doctor's Community Hospital on January 10, 2012. Harbhajan S. Ajrawat, M.D., President of MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, accompanied by past MedChi and county society Presidents, George H.A. Bone, M.D., George S. Malouf, Sr, M.D., and George S. Malouf, Jr., administered the Oath of Office for the 90th President of the county medical society.

Dr. Shital Desai was born and raised in England and moved to Prince George's County in Maryland with her family in 1997. After graduating from the University of Maryland with a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Dr. Desai went on to complete medical school at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine in Baltimore. Dr. Desai completed her residency in Family Practice at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, including serving as Chief Resident during her time there. After three years in Philadelphia, she moved back home to Prince George's County to be closer to her family.

Dr. Desai joined Kaiser Permanente in July 2008 as a Family Physician at their Marlow Heights Medical Center. She became the Physician Site Leader for Kaiser Permanente's Marlow Heights and Camp Springs Medical Centers in January 2010.

As the new president of the Prince George's County Medical Society, Dr. Desai hopes to increase member involvement in the Society's events, and support the Society's continued advocacy for patients and physicians through MedChi's legislative agenda.

The Prince George's County Medical Society is comprised of over 450 physicians and was founded in 1903 to promote the art and science of medicine in the common interest of its members and the public; and to foster professional, ethical and friendly relations among members.

## About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It speaks on behalf of over 22,000 licensed physicians in the state. Its mission is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public's health.