MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 7-17

INTRODUCED BY: Opioid Task Force

SUBJECT: Opioid Outreach and Education

Whereas, the state of Maryland is experiencing an Opioid Crisis; and
Whereas, MedChi has convened an Opioid Task Force to address the Crisis and mitigate the physician’s role in the Crisis; and
Whereas, the Opioid Task Force focuses on how to train physicians to identify substance use disorders’ risk factors and how to prescribe controlled substances safely; and
Whereas, the Opioid Task Force has discovered there is a lack of data available to analyze prescription trends, risk factors, and resulting substance use disorders; therefore be it
Resolved, the MedChi will search for opportunities to fund research and obtain data on opioid prescription trends, risk factors, and safe prescribing practices, and use this data to advocate for policies that protect patients and physicians, and educate physicians on how to apply MedChi’s findings; and be it further
Resolved, that MedChi’s Opioid Task Force will help promote scientifically-based (or evidence-based) non-opioid treatments for pain where appropriate.

As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 30, 2017.