

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 32-19

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SUBJECT: Fair Treatment of Integrative Medicine Physicians

Whereas, quality medical services and the standards by which care is performed and reviewed should include emerging and innovative therapies to the extent they are reasonably supported by evidence-based science, taught by professional physician organizations that form a respectable minority opinion and the method does not present a significant risk greater than conventional methods not outweighed by the potential benefits; and,

Whereas, legitimate differences of professional opinion over methods of diagnostic evaluation and treatment should not be a basis for discipline by the Maryland Board of Physicians if the patient has been provided with informed consent about those differences of opinion and the nature of any proposed treatment; and

Whereas, the Maryland Society of Integrative Medicine will propose 2020 legislation, the Patients' Right to Choose Act, to remedy these issues¹; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi work with the Maryland Society of Integrative Medicine to ensure that Maryland-licensed physicians who practice integrative medicine appropriately are treated fairly by the Maryland Board of Physicians.

As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on November 2, 2019.