



The Maryland State Medical Society

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MEDCHI ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION WITH COMMENDATION FOR ITS CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

BALTIMORE, January 9, 2017 — MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, has been resurveyed by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and awarded Accreditation with Commendation for 6 years as a provider of continuing medical education (CME) for physicians. This is the second time that MedChi's CME program has achieved this highest rank of Accreditation, but MedChi has been an ACCME accredited provider since 1981.

ACCME accreditation seeks to assure the medical community and the public that MedChi provides physicians with relevant, effective, practice-based CME that supports US health care quality improvement.

The ACCME employs a rigorous, multilevel process for evaluating institutions' CME programs according to the high accreditation standards adopted by all seven ACCME member organizations. These organizations of medicine in the US are the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Hospital Association, the American Medical Association, the Association for Hospital Medical Education, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and the Federation of State Medical Boards of the US, Inc.

MedChi CEO, Gene Ransom, says "it is rare to get this honor and this amazing level of success is the result of great work by the Director of the Department of Continuing Professional Development, Frank Berry, as well as physician leaders and members Stephen Crawford, M.D., Ambadas Pathak, M.D., and Laurel Yap, M.D., who all work as tireless leaders on MedChi's education efforts.

CME supports Life Long Learning in Medical Practice. Aspiring physicians spend four years in medical school and three to five years in residency training. For the rest of their careers, physicians rely on accredited CME as one of their most important support systems to help them continuously improve their practice and consistently deliver quality care to their patients.

Participation in accredited CME helps physicians meet requirements for maintenance of licensure, maintenance of specialty board certification, credentialing, membership in professional societies and other professional privileges.

For more information you can visit www.medchi.org/Education or contact Frank Berry at 410-539-0872 ext. 3307.

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.

About MedChi Department of Continuing Professional Development (DCPD)

The DCPD complements MedChi's mission to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients, and the public health through its work in two areas: the development, planning, design, and implementation of educational activities that strive to meet the needs of physicians and through a recognized system of accreditation for intrastate organizations that wish to provide accredited continuing medical education activities. MedChi provides accreditation review, maintenance of certification, and educational support to providers in the system.