



The Maryland State Medical Society

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**THIS THANKSGIVING MEDCHI RECOGNIZES HEALTH CARE HEROES
WHO HAVE SERVED DURING COVID-19**

BALTIMORE, November 19, 2020 — At their annual Fall House of Delegates meeting, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, passed a resolution to recognize the health care heroes who have served, and continue to serve, during the COVID-19 pandemic and also to recognize those health care workers who have perished.

Early on in the pandemic little was known about the COVID-19 virus, including how to protect oneself adequately against becoming infected. Many physicians and health care workers have provided care and compassion to those diagnosed or asymptomatic with COVID-19 and these physicians and other health care workers served or volunteered to serve heroically in front line roles with little regard to their own health. Due to this, many physicians and other health care clinicians became ill from COVID-19 and some succumbed to the illness as a result of caring for infected patients.

MedChi and its component medical societies recognize the significant contributions of all health care workers during the pandemic with a debt of gratitude and held a moment of silence at the November 7 House of Delegates meeting. During the meeting, MedChi passed a resolution to dedicate Thanksgiving, 2020 as Maryland Health Care Heroes Day and encourage physician members and their families and the public to give thanks for the sacrifices of physicians and other health care clinicians who have cared for COVID-19 patients.

MedChi and our physician members have been doing our parts to help slow the spread. MedChi has allowed everyone who can work remotely, to do so. Our Board and physician members have cancelled or moved meetings to all virtual formats for the foreseeable future in order to help restrict employee travel and congregating in large groups. New MedChi President, Dr. Shannon Pryor, states “thank you to all the healthcare workers on the front line who are risking their health caring for patients who have confirmed or possible coronavirus infection, while continuing to care for patients who have other medical conditions. MedChi is offering support and resources for any physician during these unprecedented times, regardless of their membership status, as another way to thank and show support for those on the front lines.”

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.