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MEDCHI PROVIDES ONLINE EDUCATION ON OPIOIDS AND THE MARYLAND PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

BALTIMORE, May 30, 2018 — MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is pleased to announce the launch of its new online Continuing Medical Education Catalogue. The online educational site will provide physicians and other health care clinicians educational resources to address their needs and improve patient care.

The inaugural activity for the platform is *Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Best Practice and Clinical Usage*. The presentation describes the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), addresses when PDMP query is required, summarizes what the PDMP query portal looks like and what other states' data can be accessed through the query portal. It also establishes how to use the PDMP as a clinical tool and to identify where to find safe opioid prescribing resources.

This presentation is the result of an ongoing collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and MedChi to improve clinician understanding of the PDMP and its use, as well as address its value and importance in addressing the current Opioid Crisis. The presentation and collaboration with the MDH is one part of the ongoing effort by MedChi and its Opioid Taskforce to address the Opioid Crisis and improve physician practice, patient care, and public health. "Physician Education is one of the key elements in addressing the current opioid crisis, and physician education is a central part of MedChi's mission to serve Maryland physicians and their patients" says MedChi President Gary Pushkin, MD., "The Maryland PDMP is a valuable tool that physicians can use to improve patient management and improve patient outcomes."

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. 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.