



The Maryland State Medical Society

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MEDCHI PREPARES FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND FALL HOUSE OF DELEGATES

BALTIMORE, October 05, 2023 – The Maryland State Medical Society’s 2023 Annual Meeting and Fall House of Delegates meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28 in Hanover, Maryland. Keynote speaker US Senator Ben Cardin will speak on healthcare issues and his commitment to making quality, affordable healthcare accessible to all. He will also be presented with the 2023 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin Distinguished Public Officer Award. The Laughlin awards have six categories and are named for Dr. Henry Laughlin, a MedChi member for 57 years, said MedChi CEO Gene Ransom.

Awards will also be presented to the following members who have realized its mission to serve as the foremost advocate and resource for physicians, patients, and the public health of Maryland:

- Harbhajan S. Ajrawat, M.D. will be presented with the 2023 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin **Distinguished Board of Trustees Member Award**
- Patricia C. Frye, M.D. will be presented with the 2023 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin **Distinguished Committee Chair Award**
- Senator Guy Guzzone will be presented with the 2023 **2023 Legislative Award**
- George S. Malouf, Jr., M.D. will be presented with MedChi’s **2023 President’s Award**
- Erinn E. Maury, M.D. will be presented with the 2023 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin **Distinguished Member Award**
- Delegate Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk will be presented with the **2023 Legislative Award**
- Stephen J. Rockower, M.D. will be presented with the 2023 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin **Distinguished Editorial Award**
- Maryland Secretary of Health Laura Herrera-Scott, M.D., M.P.H. will be presented with MedChi’s **2023 President’s Award**
- Senator Craig Zucker will be presented with the 2023 **2023 Legislative Award**

Also, during the meeting will be the installation of Benjamin Lowentritt, MD, FACS, as the 176th President of MedChi for the 2023-24 year.

MedChi delegates will review and discuss reports and resolutions on various topics and policies including:

- Health insurance market concentration
- Medicare rates in Maryland
- Patient protections in Maryland's *Total Cost of Care Model*
- Payment transparency
- Insurance coverage for telehealth mental healthcare
- Prescription drug affordability
- Physician workforce shortage

The meeting is free for members and includes a special CME presentation from MedChi's *Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Task Force* and DEA Compliant Training: Principles of Controlled Substance Prescribing. The full agenda for MedChi's House of Delegates meeting can be found [here](#).

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.