NEW LOGO FOR THE CENTER UNVEILED

At a meeting of the Center for a Healthy Maryland’s Board of Directors earlier this year, it was decided to update our logo to be a bit more reflective of who we are now.

At the next meeting, a number of options were presented and then discussed. Each had its pros and cons, and it supporters and detractors. After much discussion, the logo that you now see on the masthead of this publication was selected.

The new logo takes the colors from the original logo, as well as the color gradation that was one of the original elements. We added a map of Maryland, because our work touches all sections of the state.

We also added a tagline to our name, to further define and clarify who we are and what we do.

We are the Center for a Healthy Maryland, the Maryland State Medical Society Foundation.

THE CENTER: WHO WE ARE

The Center for a Healthy Maryland is the 501(c)(3) arm of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society. The Center works to advance the practice of medicine, enhance the quality of medical care, and promote the health of the citizens of Maryland.

Mission:
The Center’s mission is to enhance the quality of medical care, and improve the health of the citizens of the State of Maryland.

Vision:
We envision a society in which physicians and stakeholders partner to promote the physical, mental and social well-being of all the citizens of Maryland.

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MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM

The Maryland Maternal Mortality Review Program was established in 2000 and funded through the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), to identify and review all maternal death cases in Maryland, to determine preventability, develop recommendations, and disseminate the findings and recommendations to policy makers, healthcare providers and the community.

In September 2019, the Maternal Mortality Review Committee began reviewing maternal associated deaths that occurred in 2018. MDH Data Committee and recommendations for maternal deaths occurring in 2017 can be found in the annual report, available at healthymaryland.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

The Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence was formed in 1998 to provide leadership within the health care community to promote a proactive and effective response to domestic violence through screening, identification, education, intervention and treatment of domestic violence victims.

The Coalition recently launched a new website for survivors, and health-care and domestic violence providers. The updated, user-friendly and appealing website, www.HealthandDV.org, stresses the health implications of intimate partner violence. The Coalition now has an effective means to distribute materials and information, as well as promote trainings and events.

Over the past year, the Domestic Violence Program conducted 24 trainings to 558 participants, updated its brochures and created new Professional Guidance Sheets on relevant topics such as substance abuse, intimate partner violence, pregnancy, and more.

If you are interested in the Coalition, or our materials, please email us at dvcoalition@medchi.org
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, established the Maryland Physician Health Program (MPHP) in 1978, beginning with a volunteer committee of physicians dedicated to assisting their colleagues with issues that may interfere with their personal and/or professional lives.

The MPHP helps all physicians, residents, medical students and physician assistants, as well as all allied healthcare professionals, with problems or issues that could negatively impact their lives, not just their medical practice. MPHP assesses and refers participants to appropriate treatments, supports and monitors their recovery, and advocates on their behalf.

While behavioral issues comprise a majority of cases seen at the MPHP, we assist physicians and other healthcare professionals with a wide range of issues that often have direct impact on both their personal and professional lives.

Other concerns, including mental and emotional health, physical, legal, and behavior issues, cognitive impairment, misconduct and stress, and issues associated with burnout are addressed by MPHP.

The MPHP addresses issues with a multi-faceted process:
- Comprehensive Consultation and Assessment
- Monitoring
- Support and Advocacy.

The effectiveness of such a process is what leads to outcomes that far exceed those of more traditional approaches, with order of magnitude greater rates of success. More than 90% of hospitals in Maryland support the MPHP. The MPHP helps those hospitals meet Joint Commission requirements by providing a non-disciplinary process for assisting physicians and other medical professionals and by providing information on physician impairment at medical staff meetings and Grand Rounds.

A variety of presentations are available, from a brief program overview to one-hour presentations on the range of issues dealt with by the MPHP. These offer an opportunity for hospital staff and others to learn about the issues faced by physicians, as well as the effectiveness of the MPHP.

Presentations may be scheduled by calling Michael Llufrio, Director of Operations, 410.962.5580, ext 3, or by e-mail at Mllufrio@medchi.org. The Dan McDougal Fund supports physicians and others who are not able to afford our services by providing grants-in-aid. Financial contributions to the McDougal Fund are tax-deductible.
HISTORY & ARCHIVES

The history of the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland is long and storied. From the earliest years of our country’s founding, to this age of electronic everything, MedChi has kept an eye on its past while looking into the future.

MedChi owns a collection of portraits painted by everyone from Rembrandt Peale in the early 1800’s, to Stanislaw Rembski in the 1960’s. Most of these portraits depict someone who was elemental in MedChi’s early years, although there are some outliers, like daughters or sisters, and a banker or two. These portraits have been donated over the past 200 years.

Our archives date back to our earliest years. Although our charter documents are housed at the Maryland State Archives, much of our other information has been catalogued and documented by a professional archivist, and is available for viewing by appointment.

Even our buildings are historic. The “newest” one is really the oldest. In the 1970’s, we bought the buildings adjacent to our 1909 building from Baltimore City. It was formerly a private, then a public school, originally built in 1898. It came with a gymnasium (above), which now houses the MedChi Insurance Agency.

What’s a historic organization without a resident ghost? Ours is Marcia Noyes, who worked at MedChi for 50 years, and lived in an apartment on the premises the entire time!

There is history here for you to find.

General support of the Center will help us continue with the work that the staff is carrying out on a daily basis. This includes maintaining our social media platforms, writing proposals for privately-funded public health, physicians health, and leadership and supporting the Center’s overall work.

You may direct your donation so that it goes to your particular area of interest, such as the History and Archives, or the McDougal Fund. Please contact Meg Fairfax Fielding at mfielding@medchi.org or call 410.539.0872, ext. 3336, if you would like to make a tax-deductible gift to support the Center’s numerous programs.