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Physician Assistants Welcomed as Members of the Medical Society of Virginia

At its Annual Meeting held October 27-30, 2011, the Medical Society of Virginia (MSV) House of Delegates voted to offer affiliate membership in MSV to physician assistants. With membership traditionally offered to physicians only, this decision reflects the important role that physician assistants play in the team-based model of providing exceptional patient care.

“As physicians and physician assistants continue to work more closely, our leadership team has become increasingly cognizant of the fact that a stronger alliance will have tremendous benefits not only for both groups of professionals, but also for patients,” said Hugh M. Bryan III, M.D., MSV president.

Effective immediately, both physician assistants and physician assistant students are offered special rates to join MSV at the affiliate member status and will have access to select member benefits.

MSV is continually working toward making Virginia the best place to practice medicine and receive care, and has formed a partnership with the Virginia Academy of Physician Assistants to strengthen its ability to successfully reach these goals. Offering MSV affiliate membership to physician assistants is designed to create opportunities for shared education, communication and advocacy. The addition of physician assistants will prove beneficial in bringing additional perspectives to issues that impact both parties, expanding education in key medical areas, and ultimately improving the health and welfare of patients throughout the commonwealth.

For more information, including details on how to join, visit:

www.msv.org

The **Medical Society of Virginia** (MSV) is the professional association for physicians in the commonwealth. Dedicated to supporting physicians in the practice of medicine, MSV advocates on their behalf to ensure physician influence on health care legislation and policy improvements and provides a variety of educational and support activities that assist physicians in the practice of medicine.

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