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# Lehigh County Medical Society

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The purpose of this society shall be to unite physicians to speak with one voice at the local, state and national level to influence health policy, thereby achieving the highest standard of health care for our community.

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### FROM YOUR 2011 PRESIDENT, James K. Wu, M.D.



This new calendar year promises many new changes and challenges for physicians both locally and at the national level. The passage of the Affordable Care Act, the ongoing concerns regarding the viability of Medicare and Social Security, and the state of our nation's economy, has awakened the electorate as evidenced by the changes in the recent mid-term election.

As physicians we must also recognize that the time has come to speak up and lead the call for change –change that will lead to the betterment of our profession and our patients alike. This,

of course, is not going to be easy. Like most Americans, physicians are busy at work caring for our patients and simply trying to get through the demands of each day. Longer hours, less independence, decreasing reimbursements, and mounting paperwork have all contributed to worsening morale among physicians. Consequently, the ranks of physicians willing to support medical societies like our own have diminished.

This is not the time, however, to sit back and let the politicians and insurance companies determine our future. There is perhaps no better opportunity than now to have our voices heard. It's our responsibility to learn more about the laws that are being proposed and serve as a collective voice for our patients to challenge the lawmakers, insurance companies, and other interest groups. And in doing so, insure equal access to quality healthcare and preservation of the physician-patient relationship.

No one knows for sure how the new healthcare laws will affect physicians and our local community. Suffice it

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## President's Message Cont...

to say, it's not even clear that our legislators have even completely read the bills that they have voted upon, or if they have, that they fully understand the details of the proposed legislative changes. However, you can be sure that stakeholders such as the American Hospital Association, National Association of Health Underwriters, and the American Trial Lawyers Association will be spending countless hours and monies protecting their piece of the pie. The challenge of course is that physicians and patients are the most important stakeholders and yet as a group we sorely lack the political organization, time, and funds to "get in the game."

The Pennsylvania Medical Society (PMS) has recently released a "Blueprint" that explains how physicians can participate in the political process at this critical time in our nation's history. The main goal of this blueprint is to engage physicians in the process of shaping the evolving health care system. As the incoming President, I will encourage the Lehigh County Medical Society to adopt this blueprint and suggest changes to our members in the coming months. Among other initiatives, we will enact a membership drive to encourage more physicians to join our cause, enrich the LCMS web content to educate our current members, and increase political awareness through educational endeavors in our community. It's time to be involved in the shaping of our futures.

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