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Virginia physicians selected for Physician Leadership Institute

Richmond—The Medical Society of Virginia Foundation (MSVF) has selected 20 physicians to participate in the 2008-2009 class of the Claude Moore Physician Leadership Institute. Now entering its third year, the Institute helps physicians strengthen their leadership abilities and gain the skills necessary to improve health care in Virginia.

"While medical school and residency prepare physicians to provide the best care for their patients, these educational venues do not typically provide the training necessary to serve as adept community, organizational or business leaders," said Beth Bortz, executive director of MSVF. "We believe that the Institute fills a critical gap in state-specific physician education that is not addressed in our medical schools. The program will greatly benefit patients, local communities and the commonwealth."

This yearlong participatory continuing education experience uses a variety of methods to provide physicians with practical leadership training conducted by respected local, state and national speakers. The session topics are specifically focused on physicians and include patient safety and quality of care, community health, public policy and executive management issues. The Institute format includes live workshops, teleconferences, independent learning methods and an innovative Web-based learning platform. Once a participant completes the Institute, an alumni program sustains graduates to provide and facilitate ongoing support for physician leaders as they address real-world leadership challenges.

The Institute was established with a generous five-year grant from the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, which provides support through 2011. In addition, HCA Virginia and the Herndon Foundation are Presidential Sponsors of the Institute.

Participating physicians include:

- **Cecelia H. Boardman, MD, FACS, FACOG** is an associate professor in the division of gynecologic oncology, department of obstetrics and gynecology for Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center.
- **Daniel "Dan" J. Dickinson, MD, MPH** is an internist with Eastern Shore Physicians and Surgeons, a multispecialty group practice on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.
- **Mark H. Greenawald, MD** is the education director for Carilion's Family Medicine Residency Program; Medical Director of the Office of Professional Development for Carilion Clinic; an associate professor at the University of Virginia School of Medicine

- and Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine; and the assistant medical director for Virginia Premier Health Plan.
- **Robert “Bob” C. Gunther, MD, MPH** is a pediatrician with Augusta Pediatrics in Fishersville and an adjunct faculty in the Pediatric Department at the University of Virginia Medical School.
 - **Lydia J. Johnson, MD** is a dermatologist and corporation secretary of Dermatology Associates of Virginia in Richmond.
 - **Matthew “Matt” A. Johnson, MD** is a family physician with Piedmont Family Practice, a Division of Central Virginia Family Physicians (CVFP) and is the president of CVFP, offering ten patient care locations with 36 physicians, providers, and educators.
 - **William “Bill” G. Jones, MD, FAAFP** is a family physician and the medical director of Centra Health’s Brookneal Family Medical Center.
 - **Eugene L. Kastelberg, Jr., MD, JD** is the medical director of Capital Area Health Network, a Federally Qualified Health Center with three sites in the Richmond area.
 - **Srijoy Mahapatra, MD** is an assistant professor of medicine and biomedical engineering at the University of Virginia and serves as the team cardiologist for NCAA athletes at the university.
 - **Chad R. Manke, MD** is a surgeon specializing in upper extremity surgery with Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists in Virginia Beach.
 - **Christine A. Marraccini, MD** is an OB/GYN physician with Women’s Health Services of Central Virginia, Inc. in Lynchburg.
 - **Kevin R. McConnell, MD** is a nephrologist with Jefferson Nephrology, Ltd. in Charlottesville and the Medical Director of DaVita-Charlottesville Dialysis Unit.
 - **S. Hughes Melton, MD, FAAFP** is the co-founder and a family physician with C-Health, P.C. in Lebanon, VA, a university-affiliated private practice, and is co-director of REMOTE, a Community Service Board initiative to increase addiction treatment services in Southwest Virginia.
 - **Maureen T. O’Dea, MD** works at Potomac Ophthalmology in Woodbridge and is the president of the Prince William County Medical Society.
 - **Anthony “Tony” S. Panettiere, Jr., MD** is a staff neurologist and sleep medicine specialist for Riverside Regional Medical Center’s Hampton Roads Neurology in Newport News.
 - **John Christopher “Chris” Paschold, MD, FACP** is a hematologist/oncologist with Virginia Oncology Associates in Williamsburg.
 - **Manuel “Manny” A. Peregrino, MD, FAAP** is the chief of neonatology and the medical director of the NICU for Carilion Clinic and the medical director for Pediatrix Medical Group in Roanoke.
 - **Mark H. Ryan, MD, FAAFP** is a family physician with Hayes E. Willis Health Center in Richmond, providing comprehensive care to pediatric and adult patients in an inner-city outpatient office as a member of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System and Medical College of Virginia Physicians.
 - **Brenda L. Stokes, MD** is the director of maternity care and women’s health with Centra Health’s Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency.
 - **Alexander “Alex” M. Wilgus, MD, ABFM, FAAFP** is director of patient care for the Lynchburg Family Medicine Residency Program.

The Medical Society of Virginia Foundation is the philanthropic partnership between the Medical Society of Virginia and the Medical Society of Virginia Alliance. This organization's mission is to better equip the physician community to improve the health of Virginians. To learn more about

the Institute and MSVF's other initiatives, please visit MSVF's Web site at www.msvfoundation.org.

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