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Dr. Humayun Chaudhry Installed as Chair of International Medical Regulatory Group

*FSMB CEO Dr. Humayun Chaudhry assumes leadership of
International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 23, 2016) – Humayun Chaudhry, DO, MACP, President and CEO of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), was installed as Chair of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) during the 12th International Conference on Medical Regulation this week in Melbourne, Australia.

IAMRA provides a biennial international forum for medical regulators to share best practices in achieving their mandate to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards for the profession of medicine. The organization has 104 member organizations in 46 countries.

Dr. Chaudhry, who joined the FSMB in 2009 and remains in that role, will serve a two-year term as IAMRA's Chair from 2016-2018. He served as the organization's Chair-elect from 2014-2016.

Dr. Chaudhry, 50, graduated from New York University, the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine and Harvard School of Public Health. He is board certified in internal medicine and completed his residency training at Winthrop-University Hospital, in Mineola, New York. He is the co-author of two books, "Fundamentals of Clinical Medicine" and "Medical Licensing and Discipline in America," and was listed this year by *Modern Healthcare* magazine as one of the 50 Most Influential Physician Executives and Leaders.

"I'm looking forward to supporting the global medical regulatory community as we work together to advance a common mission to protect the public," said Dr. Chaudhry, who is also a Clinical Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. "By joining together and sharing information and best practices about the licensure and discipline of the world's doctors, including their

education, training and assessment, we enable and support the delivery of quality health care everywhere.”

Art Hengerer, MD, Chair of the FSMB, added, “As we just saw at our meeting in Melbourne, there is much that can be accomplished when the world’s medical regulatory community gets together to collaborate and help one another.”

Dr. Chaudhry succeeds Mr. Niall Dickson, Chief Executive and Registrar of the United Kingdom’s General Medical Council, who completed a two-year term as IAMRA’s Chair and succeeded in expanding the organization’s membership and activities.

“The leadership of the Association is in very good hands,” Mr. Dickson said. “Dr. Chaudhry has been an outstanding Chair-elect and I have benefitted hugely from his support and counsel during my term of office. Effective medical regulation is vital to protect patients and improve medical practice across the world – IAMRA has an important part in promoting this – it is growing in size and influence and I am confident that, under Dr. Chaudhry’s chairmanship, it will go from strength to strength.”

Dr. Chaudhry is the first physician from the United States to serve as IAMRA’s Chair, as well as the first osteopathic physician to serve as the organization’s leader.

The IAMRA Members General Assembly elected **Margaret Mungherera, MBBS**, of Uganda as the organization’s new Chair-elect. The Assembly also elected or re-elected several Members-at-Large to the organization’s Management Committee: **Carlos Vital Tavares Correa Lima, MD**, of the Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine; **Heidi Oetter, MD**, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (Canada); **Daniel Yumbya**, of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board; **Shabbir Ahmed Lehri, MD**, of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council; **Kgosie Letlape, MD**, of the Health Professions Council of South Africa; **Susan Goldsmith, PhD**, of the General Medical Council (United Kingdom); **Valencia Van Dyk**, of the Medical Council of New Zealand; and **Joanna Flynn, MD**, of the Medical Board of Australia.

Nearly 500 attendees from more than 40 countries convened this week in Melbourne, Australia for the 12th International Conference on Medical Regulation to share best medical regulatory practices from around the world. For more information about IAMRA, please visit www.iamra.com.

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About the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

As IAMRA's Secretariat since 2000, the FSMB supports the organization in a variety of capacities. Based in Washington, D.C., and Eules, Texas, the FSMB is a national non-profit organization representing all medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. The FSMB serves as the voice for state medical boards, supporting them through education, assessment, research and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality health care and regulatory best practices. To learn more about FSMB, visit www.fsmb.org/. You can also follow FSMB on Twitter (@theFSMB and @FSMBPolicy).

About the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA)

The success of biennial international conferences on medical regulation held since 1994 has led medical regulatory authorities around the world to recognize that international collaboration is an essential element in their role as public protectors. In 2000, participating countries officially formed the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA). For more information, please visit www.iamra.com.