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FSMB CEO Dr. Humayun Chaudhry Elected Chair-elect of International Medical Regulatory Group

*Federation of State Medical Boards' leader elected during biennial meeting of
International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 17, 2014) – **Humayun Chaudhry, DO**, President and CEO of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), was elected Chair-elect of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) during the organization's recent biennial meeting in London.

IAMRA provides an 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 77 members in 37 countries.

Dr. Chaudhry, who joined the FSMB in 2009, will serve a two-year term as Chair-elect followed by a two-year term as Chair beginning in 2016. **Mr. Niall Dickson**, Chief Executive and Registrar of the United Kingdom's General Medical Council, was installed as Chair of IAMRA during the meeting.

"I look forward to working more closely with Niall in the years ahead to help advance IAMRA's ability to better support medical regulatory authorities in their mission to protect the public globally," said Dr. Chaudhry. "This is consistent with FSMB's desire to share best practices and excellence in medical regulation with our colleagues around the world."

Noted Mr. Dickson, "While there are many differences between the nations represented in IAMRA – different health care provisions, different systems of medical education and different cultures – what we do share is a commitment to raise medical standards and improve patient safety. I'm looking forward to working together with Dr. Chaudhry in the coming years to advance IAMRA's mission."

Donald Polk, DO, Chair of the FSMB, said, “As was clearly demonstrated at the IAMRA meeting in London, there is a great deal that can be accomplished when the world’s medical regulatory community gets together to share ideas and best practices with one another. The FSMB looks forward to continuing to work with the global medical regulatory community to advance our common mission of public protection.”

The IAMRA Members General Assembly also elected two Members at Large to the organization’s Management Committee: **Dr. Letticia Moja**, Chair, Medical and Dental Professions Board, Health Professions Council of South Africa; and **Valencia van Dyk**, Registration Manager, Medical Council of New Zealand.

More than 400 participants from more than 40 countries convened in London last week to discuss how medical regulators worldwide can more effectively evaluate risk and reduce harm to patients. For more information about IAMRA, please visit www.iamra.com.

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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.

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. It assists these state and territorial medical boards as they go about their mandate of protecting the public’s health, safety and welfare. The FSMB leads by promoting excellence in medical practice, licensure, and regulation. For more information, please visit www.fsmb.org.