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Vermont Medical Society Taps New Officers

Katherine (Katie) Gamble Marvin, M.D., ABFM, *named president of state physician and physician assistant association*

Stowe, Vt. (Nov. 5, 2024) – **Katherine (Katie) Gamble Marvin, M.D., ABFM**, was named president of the Vermont Medical Society (VMS) during the VMS' 211th annual meeting at the Topnotch Resort in Stowe, VT this past Saturday, November 2nd. Dr. Marvin is a family physician at Lamoille Health Partners, a Federally Qualified Health Center, in Stowe, VT.

As president of VMS, Dr. Marvin will lead the Society's public policy efforts in Montpelier and Washington, D.C.

Dr. Marvin said, "I am incredibly honored to be named as the President of the Vermont Medical Society, even during this time when there are incredible headwinds facing Vermont's healthcare systems. Vermont physicians are ready to work together to build a healthcare system that's better for all of us, for all of our patients, and ultimately to create a system that feels more sustainable and more functional for everyone. My view of health care is deeply informed by my work as a family doctor. On any busy day in family medicine we see so many different patients, we get to take care of the whole person, and often the whole family. We know that any community with robust primary care saves money and has better health outcomes. We need to make sure that decision-makers know that if they invest in patient centered primary care, we will have a model that works for our patients, works for our communities, and works for our State."

Outside of clinical care, Dr. Marvin is an educator at the University of Vermont Medical Center and a mother of three, Dr. Gamble Marvin lives in Hyde Park. She enjoys skiing, sailing, hiking, and coaching lacrosse. She is an advocate for affordable primary care and has been certified by the American Board of Family Medicine since 2007. She specializes in infants, pediatrics, teen health, and outpatient procedures, while also giving attention to areas of need related to social determinants of health. Currently, a portion of her practice focuses on the evidence based and accessible use of medication assisted treatment for people struggling with substance use disorders.

Dr. Marvin received her bachelor's degree from Princeton University, earned her doctorate at the University of Maryland College of Medicine, and completed her family medicine residency at the University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine. Following a surgical obstetrical fellowship at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, Washington, she settled in Lamoille County with her husband, a local sugar maker.

Also during the meeting, VMS members elected **Naiim Ali, M.D.**, as president-elect, and **Lauren MacAfee, M.D.**, as vice president of VMS.

Naiim Ali, M.D., FRCPC, is a Diagnostic Radiologist and Division Chief of Ultrasound Imaging at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington and an Associate Professor of Radiology at UVM's Larner College of Medicine. Dr. Ali received his medical degree from New Jersey Medical School. He completed his diagnostic radiology residency training at the University of Vermont Medical Center and his fellowship in abdominal imaging and intervention at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

His clinical interests include ultrasound imaging, abdominal/pelvic MRI, abdominal/pelvic CT, nuclear medicine, and gastrointestinal/genitourinary fluoroscopy. Dr. Ali's research interests include medical education, healthcare policy, healthcare finance, and global health. He has served in various leadership

roles in organized medicine societies including the American Medical Association and American College of Radiology since 2010.

Lauren MacAfee, M.D., Director of the Division of General Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Vermont Medical Center and Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at UVM's Larner College of Medicine. Dr. MacAfee received her medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She completed her residency at the University of Vermont Medical Center and her fellowship in Family Planning at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. MacAfee's clinical expertise in family planning encompasses contraception, miscarriage and abortion care. She is active in undergraduate and graduate medical education as well as faculty development across the state. Dr. MacAfee serves as the division chief for the generalist ob/gyn group at UVM Medical Center and also serves as the Vice Chair of Clinical Informatics for her department. She blends her informatics role with her interest in clinical operations to improve provider/staff workflows and satisfaction. She has served on the VMS Board since 2022 and has been actively involved in advocating for Vermont laws that protect access to the full range of health care services, including abortion, such as H. 57, the Constitutional Amendment Proposition 5, and Vermont's "shield laws."

Mark Fung, M.D., pathologist at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, is the treasurer of the Vermont Medical Society Board and **Rebecca Bell, MD**, pediatric intensivist at UVMMC, is the immediate past-president.

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About the Vermont Medical Society: The Vermont Medical Society is the leading voice of physicians in the state and is dedicated to optimizing the health of all Vermonters and the health care environment in which Vermont physicians and physician assistants practice medicine. The Society serves its 3,100 members through public policy advocacy on the state and federal levels, as well as by providing legal, administrative and educational support, producing a rich flow of news and information and offering member

benefits that increase medical practice effectiveness and efficiency. For more information, visit www.VTMD.org.