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Vermont Medical Society Taps New Officers

Naiim Ali, M.D., *named president of state physician and physician assistant association*

Stowe, Vt. (Nov. 11, 2025) – **Naiim Ali, M.D., FRCPC**, 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 8th. Dr. **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.

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

"We're a state that says abortion care is healthcare, and we've put that right into our constitution," said Dr. Ali, when assuming the presidency. "We protect our transgender patients, kids and adults alike, and make sure they get the care they deserve. We trust decades of vaccine research.

While so many states are fighting about whether these things should even exist, Vermont is showing what it looks like to lead. That's something we can be proud of. But it's also something we can study - collect the data and prove that when you practice evidence-based medicine, outcomes really are better. Let's put Vermont on the map. Let's show the country what Vermont can do."

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 medical societies including the American Medical Association and American College of Radiology since 2010.

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

Lauren MacAfee, M.D., is the 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 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 and 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."

Dr. Kimberley Sampson-Paine M.D., is a triple board-certified physician in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Obesity Medicine, and Lifestyle Medicine, with additional certification in menopause care. She serves as Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington and as Assistant Professor at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She is Vice President of the New England Obesity Society.

Rooted in evidence and inspired by purpose, Dr. Sampson-Paine's work bridges science, wellbeing, and system design to advance equitable, compassionate care across the lifespan. Her clinical and academic focus centers on women's health and metabolic medicine, emphasizing menopause, obesity, and lifestyle-driven prevention as critical dimensions of population health.

She also serves as Chair of the Vermont Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and leads the ACOG District I Wellbeing Committee, promoting physician wellness and culture change across New England. A Lean-trained quality leader, she has guided initiatives in obstetric safety, respectful care, postpartum health, and rural health innovation.

Originally from the United Kingdom, Dr. Sampson-Paine earned her medical degree from St. Matthew's University School of Medicine and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago.

Mark Fung, M.D., pathologist at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington, is the treasurer of the Vermont Medical Society Board and **Katherine Gamble Marvin, M.D.**, family physician at Lamoille Health Partners, in Stowe, 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.