

Harry S. Ajrawat, MD



MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and the Maryland Delegation to the AMA proudly nominate Harry S. Ajrawat, MD, FACS, FICS, for the AMA Council on Medical Service. Dr. Ajrawat is endorsed by the American Urological Association, American Association of Clinical Urologists, the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, the Greater Washington Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, the Indian American Urological Association, and the Prince George's County Medical Society. He is also supported by our AMA-IMG Section.

Dr. Ajrawat is a board-certified urologist in private practice for more than three decades. He trained at the State University of New York Buffalo and served as administrative chief resident. He then established his private practice in the Washington, D.C., metro area. He is no stranger to the intricacies of the business side of medicine, having served as president and CEO of a large urology practice for over a decade. He has recently opened a new medical practice in National Harbor, Md.

Dr. Ajrawat has been active in organized medicine for several decades. He has been president of MedChi and the Prince George's County Medical Society and served as chair of the Maryland Medical Political Action Committee. He serves as chair of the Unity Insurance Agency Board of Directors and chair of the Maryland Delegation to the AMA.

Personal statement

*"I would like to leverage my extensive experience to serve our patients and fellow physicians as a member of the Council on Medical Service. 'Healthcare' has become a catch-all term for everything related to physician and ancillary services. **Medical care** is what physicians provide, and 'healthcare' should be the name given to ancillary services provided by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, et al. Medical care should be given under the direct supervision of a licensed, qualified physician.*

"Pre-authorization requirements and step therapy delay medical care, creating unnecessary obstacles that waste time and endanger patients. Physicians should be making these decisions-not the insurance companies. Insurers' financial interests should not dictate medical care.

"The pandemic has highlighted the importance of being prepared and the ability to mobilize quickly, for organizations and for practices. It has also exposed the need for more innovative ways to deliver medical care such as telemedicine. We should continue to strive for telemedicine to be an accepted and appropriately reimbursed form of medical care. I hope to be part of this effort for our AMA.

"On a more personal note: I was inspired by my father, Pritam, an anesthesiologist who came to Yale in 1956 for his fellowship. He was in awe of the medical advancements being made by the U.S. I am privileged to practice medicine near our nation's capital, and am proud to be married to Sartinder Ajrawat, another inspirational anesthesiologist in my life.

"I have the experience, the energy, and the integrity necessary to help our AMA navigate the complexities of these uncertain times and lead physicians toward a better future for our patients and our profession. I humbly ask for your vote for the AMA Council on Medical Service."