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Lagrange physician to serve another term as chair of Indiana's delegation to the AMA

INDIANAPOLIS – Since 1991, Michael O. Mellinger, M.D., a family practice physician from Lagrange, has been a member of the Indiana delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA). He was re-elected by his colleagues in the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) to a new two-year term during voting procedures that occurred Sunday, Sept. 18.

The ISMA elections were part of activities surrounding the organization's 162nd Annual Convention, Sept. 16-18 in downtown Indianapolis. A statewide membership organization, the ISMA has approximately 8,000 physicians from every Indiana county.

Dr. Mellinger was first elected to the state's AMA delegation following a one-year term as ISMA president and another term as chairman of the ISMA Board of Trustees. In recent years, he has served as chairman of the Indiana AMA delegation. Dr. Mellinger and others in the delegation support ISMA policies and positions before the AMA House of Delegates, a policy-making body that meets twice yearly.

The ISMA has worked since 1849 to promote sound health care policy in the public, private and governmental sectors and to support continuing medical education for the state's doctors.

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Editor's note: For more on the ISMA convention and a photo of Dr. Mellinger, visit www.ismanet.org/go/2011Convention.