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**Local physician to chair Board of Trustees of state's largest physician organization**

INDIANAPOLIS – Rhonda Sharp, M.D., a family medicine doctor at Sharp Medical Practice in Lagrange, was chosen by her colleagues to serve as chair of the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) Board of Trustees. Dr. Sharp is now serving a second three-year term on the board, which she first joined in 2005. She represents the organization's 12<sup>th</sup> District that includes Adams, Allen, Dekalb, Kosciusko, Huntington, Lagrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties.

Dr. Sharp was selected for the chair position during proceedings of the ISMA's 162nd Annual Convention Sept. 16-18 in downtown Indianapolis. The ISMA is divided into 13 Indiana districts and physician representatives from each district comprise the Board of Trustees.

A native of Howe, Ind., Dr. Sharp graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine and is board certification in family medicine. In addition to her ISMA membership, she is a member of the American Medical Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, Christian Medical and Dental Association, Lagrange County Community Foundation and Delta Theta Tau. She also serves on the Lagrange County Health Board.

Currently, the ISMA has approximately 8,000 physician members from every county in the state. Since 1849, the organization has worked to promote sound health care policy in the public, private and governmental sectors and to support continuing medical education for Indiana doctors.

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*Editor's note: For more on the ISMA convention and a photo of Dr. Sharp, visit [www.ismanet.org/go/2011Convention](http://www.ismanet.org/go/2011Convention).*