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Muncie rheumatologist becomes president-elect of state's largest physician organization

INDIANAPOLIS – Rheumatologist Gordon Hughes, M.D., of Muncie, is now president-elect of the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA), the result of elections held Sunday, Sept. 18, in Indianapolis. Since 2009, Dr. Hughes has served as chairman of the ISMA Board of Trustees. He completed two three-year terms on the board, comprised of representatives from each of the ISMA's 13 districts statewide, plus trustees of three component societies representing medical students, residents and fellows, and young physicians.

On the board, Dr. Hughes was the trustee for the organization's 8th District that includes Blackford, Jay, Randolph, Delaware and Madison counties in east central Indiana. The ISMA has approximately 8,000 physician members from every county in the state.

Dr. Hughes practices with Medical Consultants in Muncie where he currently serves as chairman of the board and CEO. He also teaches and is director of the Introduction to Medicine course with the IU School of Medicine's Muncie campus.

A former brigade flight surgeon with the Indiana Army National Guard, Dr. Hughes is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine and currently serves as an associate professor of clinical medicine for the school. He was a charter member of IU's Indiana Physicians Advisory

Council and serves on the Executive Committee of the Arthritis Foundation, Indiana Chapter.

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

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