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Scottsburg physician re-elected treasurer of state physician organization

INDIANAPOLIS –Deepak Azad, M.D., M.P.H., an internal medicine and occupational medicine specialist, was re-elected to serve as treasurer of the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA), a statewide physician organization with approximately 8,400 members.

Dr. Azad now begins serving his third one-year term as treasurer. He was re-elected during the ISMA's 2009 Annual Convention, Sept. 25-27 in Indianapolis. Previously, he served two one-year terms as assistant treasurer.

He was appointed to the Commission on Health Care Interpreter and Translators by late Gov. Frank O'Bannon. Dr. Azad is a member of the ISMA Physician Medicaid Task Force and has also served on the organization's Commission on Legislation.

In Scottsburg, Dr. Azad is a primary care physician who serves as medical director for the Southern Indiana Internal Medicine and Occupational Health Center. He has been president of the medical staff and Executive Committee member at Scott Memorial Hospital. He admits patients to Clark Memorial Hospital, Floyd Memorial Hospital and Southern Indiana Rehabilitation Hospital in adjacent counties.

After graduating from the Government Medical College in Surat, India, Dr. Azad earned a master's degree in public health at New York Medical College. He also was a research fellow in the Department of Medicine at New York's Maimonides Medical Center.

Established 160 years ago, the ISMA works 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. Azad, go to <u>www.ismanet.org/news/convention/media_center.htm</u>.