

The Commission originated as the Commission on Hereditary Disorders in 1973 (Chapter 695, Acts of 1973). It was renamed the State Commission on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders in 1986 (Chapter 740, Acts of 1986). The Commission aids in the gathering and the dissemination of information on the treatment of hereditary and congenital disorders in the State. It also establishes and promulgates rules, regulations, and standards for the detection and management of these disorders. On a continuous basis, it evaluates the need for and efficiency of relevant State programs. For the public and providers of health services, the Commission also institutes and supervises educational programs and counseling on hereditary and congenital disorders, their treatment and prevention.

The Commission evaluates the entire hereditary and congenital disease program annually and reports its evaluation and recommendations to the Governor.

The Commission is composed of eleven voting members and five *ex officio* nonvoting members. Voting members include nine members appointed by the Governor, one senator appointed by the President of the Senate, and one delegate appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Five members are not health professionals nor involved in the administration or ownership of any health care institution or health insurance organization, nor the spouse of a health professional, administrator, or owner. Four members are professionals in the field of hereditary and congenital disorders. One of the professional members is appointed from a list submitted by the Monumental City Medical Society, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and the faculties of The Johns Hopkins University Medical Institutions. If the list is not submitted, the Governor appoints at his sole discretion. Members serve four-year terms.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints five *ex officio*, nonvoting members of the Commission. One represents the State Health Resources Planning Commission and four represent the Department (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-103 through 13-109).

STATE COMMISSION ON HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND RELATED CARDIOVASCULAR RISK FACTORS

Chairperson: Donald O. Fedder, Pharm. B.S., Dr.P.H., 1987

Donald D. Harting, M.D., 1987; Marilyn Moultsby, 1987; Rose D. Nohe, 1987; James Biddison, M.D., 1988; Sidney Edwards, 1988; Michaeline R. Silverstein, 1988; Valeria A. Tocci, 1988; Rosa Marie Cain, R.N., 1989; Willarda V. Edwards, M.D., 1989; Hilary T. O'Herlihy, M.D., 1989; Mordecai P. Blaustein, M.D., 1990; Frank R. Claudy, M.D., 1990; David Morris Levine, M.D., Sc.D., 1990; Magruder Passano, Jr., 1990; Betsy D. Simon, H.E.M., 1990.

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The Commission originated as the Commission on High Blood Pressure in 1976 (Chapter 792, Acts of 1976). It became the State Commission on High Blood Pressure and Related Cardiovascular Risk Factors in 1986 (Chapter 486, Acts of 1986). The Commission establishes guidelines for the effective management and treatment of high blood pressure and related cardiovascular risk factors. The Commission also develops and promotes educational programs to prevent and treat these conditions.

The Commission consists of sixteen members appointed by the Governor for terms of four years. Ten members are chosen from lists of qualified individuals submitted by the American Heart Association—Maryland Affiliate; the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland; the Maryland Conference of Health Officers; the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the Maryland Hospital Association; the Maryland Nurses Association; the Monumental City Medical Society; the University of Maryland Hospital and School of Medicine; The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions; and the State Health Resources Planning Commission (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-201 through 13-206).

STATE COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE

Chairperson: John H. Sadler, M.D., 1989

David L. Bowers, 1987; Georgia Payne, 1987; Nancy B. Price, 1987; Lawrence D. Bohan, M.D., 1988; W. Gordon Walker, M.D., 1988; John David Young, Jr., M.D., 1988; Francis P. Chiamonte, M.D., 1989; James T. Estes, M.D., 1989; Louise P. Cavagnaro, 1990; Irwin Wolkstein, 1990; *one vacancy.*