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North Carolina Doctors Assist Nearly 400 Patients in Three Hours

(Greenville) - Several North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS) and Pitt County Medical Society (PCMS) members of various specialties helped approximately 400 patients with health-related questions or concerns in three hours while attending the 22nd "Doctors on Call," an annual event co-sponsored by the NCMS, PCMS and WITN-TV, on Wednesday, April 25, 2012. By participating, North Carolina physicians were able to speak with patients who may need or do not have access to medical care.

"Through this event the NCMS and our partners provided guidance on a wide variety of medical topics by assisting patients with their questions," said **Robert Monteiro, MD**, President of the North Carolina Medical Society. "This was an opportunity to bring physicians and a local community together while providing care to those who need it."

The NCMS will continue its efforts of improving access and quality of care to patients through this event, as it is a valuable tool in providing health care for those who lack the means to access it. Since the callers are anonymous, patients were given the opportunity to ask questions that they may not ask a physician in person and in a setting that is unique to a traditional office visit. "Doctors on Call" also provided participating physicians the opportunity to educate the community about the importance of timely medical care.

The NCMS facilitates "Doctors on Call" each year with various county medical societies and news stations throughout the state. Visit www.ncmedsoc.org for information about the next "Doctors on Call" event.

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About the North Carolina Medical Society

The North Carolina Medical Society is the largest and oldest professional member organization in North Carolina, representing approximately 12,500 physicians and physician assistants who practice in the state. Founded in 1849, the Society seeks to promote access to quality health care for all citizens in North Carolina and champions initiatives that seek to improve quality of care and promote patient safety.

About the Pitt County Medical Society

The Pitt County Medical Society was founded in 1867 and strives to bring together the physicians of Pitt County, to promote the science and art of medicine, and to foster the common interest of its members and the general public.

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