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## News Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Hendersonville Physician to Receive Community Service Award**

(Raleigh)—The North Carolina Medical Society will be presenting Phillip Sellers, MD, with the E. Harvey Estes, Jr., MD, Physician Community Service Award at its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at the Raleigh Marriott City Center Hotel, Raleigh, NC. Dr. Sellers is being recognized for his outstanding leadership in medicine and compassionate care for the people of his community and North Carolina. Dr. Sellers is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and has been an active member of the Society since 1964.

Dr. Sellers received a B.S. from Davidson College and a medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, formerly known as Bowman-Gray. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the NC Baptist Hospital, where he was co-chief resident. Dr. Sellers began practicing in Hendersonville with Kenneth Cosgrove, MD. Their practice grew into Quality Health Care Associates, from which Dr. Sellers retired from in 2006.

Dr. Sellers has been very active in supporting the health care needs of under-served patients. He formed the Free Clinics of Henderson County and practiced there for 10 years. Dr. Sellers led the development of the Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) form. The form was finalized in 2007 and is the state-wide portable medical order clarifying patients' preferences for end of life care.

Dr. Sellers was the first active member of Margaret R. Pardee Hospital's medical staff to serve on the Board of Trustees. He also served as chairman of the Ethics Committee before he retired. In 2009, the Pardee Foundation named him *Healthcare Philanthropist of the Year*. Dr. Sellers was also an active member of the American College of Physicians. He became a Fellow, Master, and North Carolina Chapter President. In 1996 he received the North Carolina Chapter's *Laureate Award*.

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Dr. Sellers served as the medical director for Carolina Village Retirement Center for seven years and on the Editorial Board for the North Carolina Medical Journal for five years. He was also actively involved with the North Carolina Society of Internal Medicine and the American Medical Association. He is Past President of the Henderson County Medical Society.

Currently, Dr. Sellers is in his third year on the Henderson County Board of Health. He lives with his wife, Julia Camlin Sellers, in Hendersonville, NC. They have four children.

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**About the North Carolina Medical Society**

The NC Medical Society represents nearly 12,000 physicians and physician assistants in North Carolina. Founded in 1849, the NCMS is committed to ensuring access to quality health care for every North Carolinian through leadership in medicine.

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