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**EVERETT EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN NAMED PRESIDENT
OF STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

SEATTLE – Dr. Cynthia A. Markus was elected president of the Washington State Medical Association (WSMA) at the association’s annual meeting in Spokane, Sunday, September 29. The WSMA represents over 9,500 physicians, residents, medical students, and physician-assistants throughout Washington state.

Dr. Markus is an emergency physician with North Sound Emergency Medicine, serving Providence Everett Medical Center in Everett and Valley General Hospital in Monroe. She has held a number of leadership positions at both hospitals.

Dr. Markus received her medical degree cum laude from the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1974 where she was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical school honor society. She completed a rotating internship at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle in 1975, where she was named outstanding intern. She is board certified in emergency medicine.

Dr. Markus went on to receive her Juris Doctorate in 1985 from the University of Washington School of Law. She is a member of the Washington State Bar Association.

Dr. Markus is a leader in improving trauma care in Washington state and is a clinic instructor of family medicine at the University of Washington

The following physicians were also elected as officers at the association’s annual meeting:

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Dr. Deborah J. Harper, Spokane pediatrician, president-elect; *Dr. Dean Martz*, Spokane neurosurgeon, 1st Vice President; *Dr. Nicholas Rajacich*, Tacoma orthopedic surgeon, 2nd Vice President; *Dr. Ronald R. Morris*, Puyallup family physician, Secretary-Treasurer; *Dr. Douglas R. Myers*, Vancouver otolaryngologist, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. The seventh officer of WSMA Executive Committee is past-president, *Dr. Brian P. Wicks*, Silverdale orthopedic surgeon, who will serve as committee chair.

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