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**Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar joins  
Maternity Care Coalition Board of Directors**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA (September, 2009) – Charmaine Smith Wright, MD**, a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania, has joined the Board of Directors at the Maternity Care Coalition (MCC). Ms. Wright is a familiar face at MCC, having spearheaded MCC’s maternal obesity project and collaborated with MCC to improve nutrition for incarcerated women in Philadelphia. She graduated from Harvard College and Medical School and is board certified in both internal medicine and pediatrics. When asked why she would like to serve on MCC’s board, Charmaine stated, “I have learned so much from the family advocates and staff about taking care of our community. MCC is an outstanding organization whose mission aligns with my own—to improve maternal and child health and wellbeing through collaborative efforts.”

Maternity Care Coalition, founded in 1980, provides community-based outreach, education and support to improve maternal and child health and well being through the collaborative efforts of individuals, families, providers and communities. MCC is guided by a diverse Board of 23 Directors including healthcare providers, corporate professionals, new parents and neighborhood residents. More than 1,000 MCC volunteers are involved in direct service or serve on advisory and neighborhood committees. Since its inception in 1989, MCC's MOMobile<sup>®</sup> program has helped more than 60,000 families. MCC currently operates 8 MOMobile sites in Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware Counties in addition to managing the South Philadelphia and Norristown Area Early Head Start programs. More information on MCC can be found at [www.MOMobile.org](http://www.MOMobile.org).

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