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FMDA’s Annual Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum 2015 – Roadmap to Quality: Ahead of the Curve *- Conference theme focuses on quality care and advancing LTC medicine*

West Palm Beach, Fla. – FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute & Long-Term Care Medicine is enthused about Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum (BCP) 2015, its 24th annual conference taking place at Disney’s *Yacht & Beach Club*, October 22-25 in Orlando. It will feature an outstanding line-up of top-notch educational programming and faculty designed to facilitate best care practices in the care and delivery of long-term care medicine. This nationally-recognized conference is intended for health care practitioners who have an interest in geriatrics. The underlying theme for this year’s conference is Roadmap to Quality: Ahead of the Curve. With health care evolving so rapidly, especially the landscape of long-term care, practitioners must do what they can to stay ahead of the curve.

This year’s Best Care Practices 2015 features an astonishing array of high-level programming with nationally-known speakers covering a wide variety of topics in the areas of geriatrics and long-term care. Aside from the main program, the president from AMDA – Society for Post-Acute & Long-Term Care Medicine, Naushira Pandya, MD, CMD, and the president of the American Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine, Christine Richie, MD, MSPH, will present during the National Leaders Forum. This highly anticipated program focuses on the challenges facing each of our related organizations and what lies ahead.

Dr. Robert Kaplan, FMDA’s President, is very excited about the theme of this year’s conference and how strongly it fits into the current picture of long-term care and geriatrics, and the association’s overall vision.

“As long-term medicine and health care delivery hurtles into the future, practitioners should be prepared for what lies ahead,” said Dr. Kaplan. “By focusing on the delivery of quality care and staying “ahead of the curve”, practitioners will be able to provide sound and compassionate care to their residents.”

FMDA is still accepting submissions for its 12th Annual “Call for Posters” for Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum 2015. Presenters who wish to present at the conference are encouraged to visit FMDA’s website to submit an online proposal. Submissions should be based

on issues related to long-term care and geriatrics, or the health care field in general. If you are planning on submitting an online poster proposal, the submission deadline for all applicants is August 2015. More information can be found on the FMDA website.

This year's conference is being held at the splendid *Disney's Yacht & Beach Club* Resort, with an idyllic location just minutes from Disney attractions. Delight in the formal grace of a grand New England-style yacht club at this lakeside hotel. Relax in the inviting elegance of a plush lobby replete with nautical touches, explore the whimsical Stormalong Bay and rent a variety of watercraft from Bayside Marina. Sharing many amenities with its pastel-toned sister, *Disney's Beach Club* Resort, *Disney's Yacht Club* Resort is walking distance to Epcot and a convenient boat ride to Disney's Hollywood Studios.

If you would like any more information on the conference itself or making reservations at the hotel, please visit www.bestcarepractices.org, or call Matt Reese, Sr. Manager of Association Services at (561) 689-6321.

Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum 2015 is joint-provided by FMDA and AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute & Long Term Care Medicine.

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FMDA - The Florida Society for Post-Acute & Long-Term Care Medicine: FMDA represents nearly 300 medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants, and advanced registered nurse practitioners in Florida's postacute care continuum including subacute care, hospice, skilled nursing, and assisted living facilities, as well as in continuing care retirement communities. The mission of FMDA is to promote the highest quality care as patients' transition through the long-term care continuum. FMDA is dedicated to providing leadership, professional education and advocacy for the inter-professional team.

FMDA is the official state chapter of AMDA and a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association. It is based in West Palm Beach, Florida.