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FMDA Announces Prestigious Quality Champion Award to Recognize and Honor Exceptional Clinicians in PA/LTC

West Palm Beach, FL – FMDA–The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PA/LTC) Medicine and President Dr. Rhonda Randall are very pleased to announce the establishment of the Quality Champion Award.

According to Dr. Mark Beauchamp, chair, Quality Champion Award Committee, "This new award recognizes the best of the best from clinicians whose skills, talents, expertise, commitment, and personal attributes encompass quality patient-centered care. It honors Florida-based clinicians who work day-in and day-out to serve the most-frail population in Florida's post-acute and long-term care continuum."

Dr. Randall added, "The recipient of this award embodies the highest standards of dedication, leadership, engagement, and innovation and is personified as a cornerstone in his or her respective field as well as within the facilities served.

"FMDA is very excited to provide this unique opportunity to recognize worthy colleagues who are committed to providing the best care in our continuum!" she concluded.

Information on eligibility and criteria for the Quality Champion Award can be found on the nomination form, available at www.fmda.org (when live). A very user-friendly online submission, it only asks six open-ended questions covering such characteristics as leadership, role modeling and mentoring, clinical outcomes, quality and safety improvement, impact on the nominee's profession and in the community, and the extraordinary qualities that make the nominee stand out.

The deadline for nominations is **Monday**, **Sept. 23**, **2019**, and the award winner will be announced during FMDA's 28th Annual Conference, Best Care Practices in the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Continuum 2019, on **Saturday**, **Oct. 26**, at the Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando.

FMDA's nationally recognized annual conference provides a high-quality, high-relevance educational and networking experience to more than 250 physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, nurses, and administrators. The faculty includes national and regional authorities in the fields of PA/LTC and geriatric medicine, medical direction, as well as senior care pharmacology.

For more information about FMDA's Quality Champion Award or its annual conference taking place Oct. 24-27, 2019, please contact FMDA Executive Director Ian Cordes at (561) 689-6321 or ian.cordes@fmda.org.

FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine represents nearly 600 medical directors, attending physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, nurse administrators, and nursing home administrators in Florida's post-acute and long-term care continuum, including subacute care, hospice, skilled nursing, home health care, and assisted living facilities, as well as in continuing care retirement communities. FMDA is the largest state chapter of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine and a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association. It is based in West Palm Beach, FL.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of FMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine 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.

VISION STATEMENT: FMDA will provide professional leadership to disseminate information as well as provide access to resources and experts. FMDA will further advance as the professional hub for education on best care practices, evidence-based medicine, regulatory compliance, and practice management. FMDA will continue to be the model organization that collaborates with related organizations to promote the highest quality patient care and outcomes in the post-acute and long-term care continuum.