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FMDA Accepting Call for Presentations for Best Care Practices 2016

- 14th Annual Call for Poster Presentations also Announced

West Palm Beach, Fla. -- FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine is pleased to announce that it is now accepting “Call for Speaker Presentations” for its Annual Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum conference, October 13-16, 2016 at Disney’s *Grand Floridian Resort* in Lake Buena Vista. Presenters who wish to speak at the conference are invited to submit an online proposal with details about the intended presentation. Submissions should be based on FMDA’s needs assessment with issues related to post-acute and long-term care in addition to geriatrics. The submission deadline for all applicants is April 22, 2016 and a decision on accepted presentations will be made by June 20, 2016.

This is the 6th year for the online “Call for Speaker Presentations” process, which falls into FMDA’s mission of providing the highest quality education to health care practitioners in post-acute and long-term care medicine. High-profile and relevant educational programs have always been the pinnacle of the annual conference. Attendees expect clinical topics to be strong evidence-based lectures with cited references and administrative topics to be relevant to their setting and focused on current best care practices. It is the presentation review committee’s intent, that the best presentations incorporate attendee networking, case-discussion (Q&A), small groups, and take home tools such as handouts, key points, guides or quick tips. These types of presentations have been successful at Best Care Practices in the past and are highly encouraged.

Dr. Naushira Pandya, chair of the Poster Awards Committee, is already gearing up for this year’s poster presentation submissions. This year is FMDA’s 14th annual Poster Session, and as always, it will take place during trade show hours at the annual conference in October. All submissions that are complete and follow the Criteria for Acceptance of Posters will be considered and reviewed based on the content contained within the proposal. Submission of a proposal is a commitment by at least one author to be present at the designated times to discuss the information in the poster with symposium participants. The first 10 applicants who are accepted by the review committee will receive complimentary registration to the 2016

conference (only one applicant per poster presentation will be considered). Poster award winners will be announced during the Annual Awards Luncheon. FMDA President Dr. Leonard Hock remains very enthusiastic about the continued success of both the call for presentations and call for posters process.

“FMDA is committed to providing quality unbiased education to our health care professionals working in long-term care and geriatrics. The unique process of accepting calls for presentations has only strengthened the quality of our annual conference,” said Dr. Hock. “FMDA is very eager to evaluate this year’s crop of poster submissions, to add to our already stellar program.”

To learn more about FMDA’s “Call for Presentations”, or its “Call for Posters”, or to submit a proposal, go to www.bestcarepractices.org. Ian Cordes, the executive director for FMDA, can be reached by telephone at **(561) 689-6321**.

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FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine represents nearly 250 medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurses in Florida’s post-acute care continuum including sub-acute 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 post-acute and 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 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, Florida.