

JOIN FMDA TODAY AND ENJOY THE MANY BENEFITS!

As the scope of operation for postacute care facilities continues to evolve and expand to accommodate an aging population, practitioners face many new and complex challenges. FMDA, the state affiliate of the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA), is the only organization in the state of Florida devoted to practitioners in all specialties practicing in hospital-based, skilled nursing units through subacute, home care to traditional long-term care.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- FMDA publishes a dynamic, statewide newsletter titled *Progress Report* — winner of the Apex Award for Publishing Excellence.
- FMDA's official Web site is at www.fmda.org.
- "FMDA CareerCenter," an online job board.
- "FMDA News Clips" is a regular e-mail news service for local, state, and national health care news with an emphasis on long-term care, geriatrics, and skilled nursing care. FMDA sends its members real-time news clips straight from the actual news sources. Stay on top of legislation, regulations, and reimbursement issues, as well as industry trends.
- Annual update on Medicare billing strategies.
- Annual update on Medicare comparative performance reports for physicians practicing in postacute care.
- Discounted member registration fees for educational and annual programs.

CHARTING A NEW COURSE

- Networking with the other acute care and postacute trade and professional associations.
- FMDA is a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association (FMA).
- Advocacy in Tallahassee on behalf of the members of FMDA.
- Representation in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.
- Providing testimony at public hearings and in front of the Florida Legislature on issues important to physicians in long-term care, such as the availability and affordability of liability insurance, "Granny Cams" in nursing homes, and other hot-button issues.



FMDA takes an active role in outreach efforts to young, career physicians with an interest in long-term care. It offers a number of educational grants for medical interns, residents and fellows in geriatrics, internal medicine, or family practice who participate in poster presentations at its annual conference.

Florida Medical Directors Association APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dedicated to supporting physicians who practice in **Long-Term Care**



Mission Statement

The mission of FMDA is to promote the highest-quality care in the postacute care continuum by providing leadership, professional education, and advocacy.



Learning how to work **smarter** while providing **excellent care**

Join online at www.fmda.org



Dear Friend of FMDA:

The Florida Medical Directors Association (FMDA) was formed in 1990 to help medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants (PAs), advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) and other providers practicing in postacute care to navigate their way through the continuum of care.

As the official state affiliate of the American Medical Directors Association (AMDA), FMDA promotes the education of its membership in issues pertaining to long-term care (LTC), with a special emphasis on scientific, legislative, and regulatory issues, and Medicare reimbursement. In addition, AMDA sponsors a certification program in LTC medical direction to allow you to enhance your knowledge and skills in this ever-changing environment.

Membership in FMDA links you to physicians, PAs, and ARNPs, and opens dialogues for problem-solving and information-sharing. Networking opens opportunities to become familiar with the activities of Florida physicians, PAs, and ARNPs practicing in postacute care, and helps you build relationships with and gain support from our members.

FMDA sponsors a highly successful annual October conference and trade show that is the perfect place to learn about the newest trends and challenges from some of the top LTC experts in the country.

After a number of years of hard work on behalf of its membership, the volunteer leadership has established FMDA as a recognized player in the arenas that form public policy, legislation and regulatory compliance. But continuing to fight for quality care for their patients, along with fairness in how physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners are treated, requires the commitment of members who desire to get involved.

If you share our goals, we invite you to join FMDA and become an integral part of our support network. We respect and appreciate your devotion to LTC, and encourage you to attend the annual conference in October. Above all, we want you to know that we are all here to help each other survive the maze of LTC regulations. Together, we can bridge the gap between fact and fiction and continue to provide our patients with the finest, most compassionate care possible.

If you would like more information about FMDA, please contact the business office at **(561) 659-5581**, or e-mail ian.cordes@fmda.org.

Please join FMDA now!

FMDA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

This is the only organization in the state devoted to physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners of all specialties practicing in hospital-based, skilled nursing units through subacute care to traditional long-term care. There are two classes of dues-paying FMDA members. **A. REGULAR MEMBERS:** Every medical director or attending physician of a long-term care medical facility or organization in the state of Florida and neighboring states shall be eligible for "Regular" membership (physicians only) in FMDA. Members in this classification shall be entitled to a vote, shall be eligible to be a member of the board of directors and to hold office. **B. AFFILIATE MEMBERS:** They may be any individual or organization in the medical, regulatory or political field of long-term care continuum wishing to promote the affairs of FMDA. An "Affiliate" member shall have all FMDA privileges except eligibility to vote or hold office. **There are three subcategories, which include:** **1. Professional.** This category is comprised of physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, directors of nursing, administrators, etc. "Professional Affiliate" members may be appointed by the board of directors to serve on FMDA committees; **2. Allied Health Care Professional.** Health care practitioners who provide essential services to patients in the postacute setting are eligible to join, including dental professionals, podiatrists, opticians, psychiatrists, senior care pharmacists, psychologists, etc. Allied members are non-voting, but may be appointed by the board of directors to serve on FMDA committees; and **3. Vendors & Organizational Affiliate Members.** Includes vendors, organizations, and other professionals that are not included above.

To become a member of FMDA, please complete and mail with your payment to the address below, or join online at www.fmda.org.

Yes! I would like to join FMDA. Enclosed is a check for \$65 for annual dues for **Regular and Professional/Allied Health Care Professional Affiliate members.** Dues for **Vendors & Organizational Affiliates** are \$325 per year.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Facility Name/Affiliation: _____

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Mailing Address: _____
The mailing address below is for _____ the facility, or _____ my regular office address.

City: _____ State/ZIP: _____ County: _____

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