



The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine

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FMDA and FSU College of Medicine Sponsor High-Level Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Forums

West Palm Beach, Fla. – With a focus on “Developing a Long-Term Care Education Network,” Florida State University’s College of Medicine, Department of Geriatrics, and FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine sponsored this invitation-only event for LTC stakeholders on Thursday, Aug. 27 in Tallahassee, Fla.

Representation included the faculty and leadership of both sponsoring organizations, as well as those from Florida Health Care Association, LeadingAge Florida, Florida Pioneer Network, Florida Assisted Living Federation of America, Florida Association Directors of Nursing Administration, and the University of South Florida. Discussions resulted in some innovative ideas to promote communication and PA/LTC education in Florida.

The following day, FMDA and FSU’s College of Medicine, Department of Geriatrics sponsored three (3) hours of educational programming titled, “Advances in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care,” featuring lectures from Kenneth Brummel-Smith, MD, Charlotte Edwards Maguire Professor of Geriatrics at FSU; Paul R. Katz, MD, CMD, Chair, Department of Geriatrics, FSU College of Medicine; and Polly Weaver, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration.

With more than 65 physicians, nurses, and nursing home administrators in attendance, some traveling as far as Fort Lauderdale, the lectures were very well received. Nursing home administrator, Katrina Fillyaw from Dowling Park said, “Presenters were clear and knowledgeable. I have had the opportunity to these hear presenters before and they never disappoint.”

Alice Pomidor, MD, professor, FSU College of Medicine, stated, “Excellent selection of presenters. Very clear presentations by highly qualified and knowledgeable people. Those traits are not always found together.”

Maria Rosaida Gonzalez, MD, added, “I found this to be an outstanding program.”

FMDA thanks Dr. Chris Mulrooney, Asst. Dean for Graduate Medical Education at FSU’s College of Medicine, for helping to plan these programs in Tallahassee.

“We are delighted to have been given this opportunity to collaborate with FSU’s College of Medicine, Department of Geriatrics on both of these very successful meetings in Tallahassee,” said Dr. Robert Kaplan, president, FMDA. “FMDA is committed to supporting the efforts of developing educational networks and we look forward to expanding our collaborative partnerships across the state,” he added.

“We welcome one of our own to Florida. Dr. Paul Katz, is a past president of AMDA, FMDA’s national affiliate,” Kaplan concluded.

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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 registered nurse practitioners in Florida’s post-acute and long-term 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 – 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.

Photo Caption: FMDA Leaders and FSU College of Medicine, Department of Geriatrics at forum on August 28, 2015 (from left): Leonard Hock, DO, MACOI, CMD, HMDC, FMDA President-Elect; Paul Katz, MD, CMD, Chair, Department of Geriatrics, Florida State University's College of Medicine; Kenneth Brummel-Smith, MD, Immediate Past Chair, Department of Geriatrics, Florida State University's College of Medicine; Claudia Marcelo, DO, Program Director, FMDA's Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum 2015; Angel Tafur, MD, CMD, Chair FMDA's CME/Education Committee; John Symeonides, MD, CMD, FMDA's Immediate Past President; Robert Kaplan, MD, FACP, CMD, FMDA President; and Chris Mulrooney, PhD, Asst. Dean for Graduate Medical Education at FSU's College of Medicine