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FMDA’s Membership Grows as it Expands its Reach Across the State

West Palm Beach, Fla. - FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine has seen a large boost in membership over the past year. Recently, FMDA received its first corporate membership from Consulate Health Care, Florida and South East Divisions. The new members consist of administrative support staff from corporate, divisional, and regional offices; medical directors and physician assistants; executive directors; and directors of clinical services, and their therapy partners, Genesis Rehabilitation Services.

Consulate Health Care is a national leading provider of senior healthcare services, specializing in post-acute care. Operating more than 200 centers nationwide in 21 states, it has grown to become the sixth-largest provider in the nation and the largest in the Sunshine State. With the increase in membership, FMDA is becoming the nucleus for providing advocacy, education, and clinical care in the post-acute and long-term care continuum (PA/LTC).

Todd Mehaffey, President of Florida Division for Consulate Health Care, had this to say about his organization’s health care partnership with FMDA.

“AMDA is an established, recognized leader for medical directors in post-acute and long-term care. Consulate is excited to join the Florida chapter and provide its Division, Region, Care Center Administrators, and Medical Directors/Physicians Assistants access to best-in-class people and processes.”

FMDA President Dr. Hock is very excited about the partnership as well and offered these words, “Consulate Health Care is a national leader in providing senior healthcare services, and post-acute care options to a large number of patients across the country. Their goal of providing the best possible care to their patients and residents is a shared vision of FMDA.”

“We are grateful for the support of health care providers such as Consulate. Their vote-of-confidence in FMDA is proof that we are gaining national recognition as a strong and relied-upon resource among collaborating organizations in post-acute and long-term medicine,” he added. “FMDA has developed and will continue to develop powerful leaders and mentors to

improve quality of care and drive better patient outcomes in the post-acute and long-term care setting. This energy is the force behind the association and we will use this momentum to engage industry-thought leaders as we move forward into 2016 and beyond,” Dr. Hock added.

FMDA is the largest chapter of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, and is comprised of medical directors and attending physicians of Florida skilled nursing facilities. FMDA also has a large number of advanced practice nurses, consultant pharmacists, registered pharmacists, nurse administrators, and nursing home administrators who have joined. All of these disciplines make FMDA one of the most diverse PA/LTC associations in the state of Florida.

FMDA is celebrating its 25th Anniversary during the annual Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum conference, October 13-16 at Disney’s *Grand Floridian* in Orlando. Please visit www.bestcarepractices.com for more information on registration options and information on participating in its annual trade show.

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FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine represents medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, nurse administrators and nursing home administrators in Florida’s post-acute 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 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 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.