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## ***Florida Medical Directors Association Announces 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Call for Presentations for Best Care Practices 2013*** *- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster Presentations Announced*

**West Palm Beach, Fla.** -- Florida Medical Directors Association (FMDA) is very pleased to announce that it has begun accepting submissions for its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Call for Speaker Presentations" for Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum 2013 this October at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando. Presenters who wish to present at the conference are encouraged to visit FMDA's website to submit an online proposal. Submissions should be based on issues related to long-term care and geriatrics, or the health care field in general. The submission deadline for all applicants is March 29, 2013.

FMDA's call for presentations process was highly successful for a second straight year, thus we are extending the courtesy again for our annual conference in late October. Once again, the submission process falls into FMDA's mission of providing the highest quality education to health care practitioners in long-term care. High-profile, recognizable, 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 top 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 are highly encouraged.

Dr. Naushira Pandya, chair of the Poster Presenters Committee, has already begun preparations for this year's poster presentation submissions. This year is FMDA's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Poster Session, and as always, it will take place during the annual Best Care Practices conference, October 17-20, 2013 in Orlando. There are two categories this year for the poster submissions. The first is Case Reports, and the second is Studies and/or Research. All submissions that are fully-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 requires a commitment by at least one author to be present at the designated times during the conference 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 2013 conference (only one applicant per poster presentation will be considered).

FMDA President Dr. John Symeonides is excited about the continued success of the call for presentations process. The 2012 Best Care Practices conference included many quality sessions that were selected through this system. He is also looking forward to the call for poster submissions, which consistently adds great value to the annual conference.

“FMDA’s Call for Presentations process continues to be a great success for the association and its annual conference. FMDA’s focus of providing unsurpassed and unrivaled education to our health care professionals working in long-term care and geriatrics remains a top priority and we will work to make the 2013 conference the best one yet. The conference can only get improve with the increasing amount of quality submissions,” said Dr. Symeonides. “As always, FMDA is excited about this year’s call for poster submissions, which will add to our already exemplary 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](http://www.bestcarepractices.org). Matt Reese, the Education Manager for FMDA, can be reached by telephone at **(561) 659-5581**.

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**The Florida Medical Directors Association** represents nearly 250 medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants, and advanced registered nurse practitioners in Florida’s postacute 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 the American Medical Directors Association and a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association. It is based in West Palm Beach, Florida.