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LETTER FROM THE MCMS PRESIDENT ANIL GOGINENI, MD

HELLO AND HAPPY SPRING!

Since we are in Florida, we know these beautiful Spring mornings will not last long, as the hot days of summer are upon us. Every year summer seems to approach quicker and warmer than the year before!

Thanks to the COVID numbers decreasing, it certainly has been nice to have a few in person meetings again! It had been almost two years since seeing smiling faces! We find ourselves asking, "Are we returning to some kind of normalcy?"

The Marion County Medical Society and Ocala Health recently celebrated our completion of the 2nd Annual Resident Poster Research Symposium! Unfortunately, the symposium itself had to go to virtual format once again in 2021 due to the COVID Delta Variant surge! We are hoping for a full 2022 in person symposium:

- Along with some special HCA Guest, **Eric Schuck, MD**, Chief Medical Officer, HCA Healthcare Ocala.
- **Dr. Katy Robinson**, Research Director, HCA Healthcare, North FL Division &
- **Dr. Cristobal Cintron**, North FL Division Research Coordinator, HCA Healthcare, we were able to recognize our top 3 HCA resident research winners at our February General Membership Meeting!

3rd Place: Justin Watkins, MD – Evaluation of Maternal Age, Race and Ethnicity role in the Male-Female birth ratios during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic in Florida.

"Evaluation of Maternal Age, Race and Ethnicity Role in the Male-Female" by Justin Watkins, Cristobal Cintron et al. (hcahealthcare.com)

2nd Place: Nicholas Heyden, DO – Increased Gap in the Gender Birth Ratios in Florida Following the Onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"Increased Gap in the Gender Birth Ratios in Florida Following the Onse" by Nicholas Heyden, Cristobal Cintron et al. (hcahealthcare.com)

1st Place: Steven Vuu, MD – Optimal Timing and Outcomes Among COVID-19 Patients Undergoing Tracheostomy.

"Optimal Timing and Outcomes Among COVID-19 Patients Undergoing Tracheo" by Steven K M Vuu, Huazhi Liu et al. (hcahealthcare.com)

To observe other posters submitted for 2021 please go to the site listed below!

North Florida Division Research Day 2021 | HCA Healthcare Research Day 2021 | HCA Healthcare

Please plan to join us for our May General Meeting on Thursday May 19th, 2022 as our own member Jose Gaudier, MD presents: **"Biology of Love"**

What are love, romance, affection, and sex? Should we be asking these questions and should we be talking about it with our peers and children? No topic in medicine is considered more of a taboo than sex. In this deep but amusing discussion, we will cover the biological basis of our sexual impulses and behavior. A discussion of life, sex, and reproduction in nature leads the way to sexual variations and heterosexual relations. I will also discuss the neurochemistry of sex, attraction, the senses, and instincts. This conference concludes with an analysis of contemporary data and practices.

~This presentation is recommended for mature audiences~

Please keep in mind that our May meeting is an opportunity for you to let us know if you are interested in running for a Board [Executive Committee] position!

Opening positions will be:

- **Member At Large:** Term – August 2022 – August 2024
- **Secretary / Treasurer** [This position moves up to President – Elect, then President]

Our August Installation meeting will be held on Thursday August 18th, 2022!

Hope to see you all soon! Stay safe and healthy!
Anil Gogineni, MD , MCMS President

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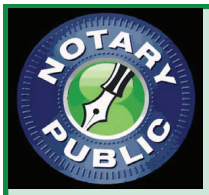

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MAY GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

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GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY MAY 19TH, 2022

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON
~PLEASE CHECK EMAILS~

SOCIAL 6:30PM
BUSINESS 7:00PM
DINNER 7:15 PM
PRESENTATION TO FOLLOW

PRESENTATION BY JOSE GAUDIER, MD
"BIOLOGY OF LOVE"

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Member at Large: Aug 2022 – Aug 2024
Secretary / Treasurer: Aug 2022 – Aug 2024
[this position moves to President Elect then President]

If interested please contact any Board member or Sherry @ mcmsocala1@gmail.com

MEET JOSE GAUDIER, MD

Dr. Jose A. Gaudier is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, American Medical Association, Florida Medical Association and Marion County Medical Association. Dr. Gaudier was born in Alabama and before age one his family moved to Puerto Rico. He went to High School in the local Catholic School. He stayed in Puerto Rico for College and medical school education and moved to Birmingham, Alabama for his Neurology residency and fellowship training. Dr. Gaudier is married and has three children; he has made Ocala his home since 1991, when he started practicing Neurology. He has been an active member of the medical community. Dr. Gaudier has participated in several hospital committees through the years, including the MRMC Ethics Committee where he served as Chairman and helped establish protocols and programs to improve and maintain the highest degree of ethical care in our county. He has been instrumental in bringing to Ocala a number of medical educational programs for physicians and has participated in a large number of research projects helping bring cutting edge technology to Ocala. For his work in the Medical Society of Marion County he was named to serve as Vice-President of the organization in 2006-2007 and President in 2007-2008. In his passion to educate others, Dr. Gaudier has lectured patients and colleagues on various neurological topics. In addition, he has been co-author of several articles and makes every effort to stay updated in the latest medical developments. Among his best qualities, he is known by his colleagues and patients as a smart and caring physician who will take the needed time with the patients to address their physical as well as emotional needs. He is well liked and respected by all that know him.

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FEBRUARY 2022 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The February 2022 General Meeting of the Marion County Medical Society was held on Thursday February 17th, 2022 @ The Country Club of Ocala

OLD BUSINESS: Meeting called to order @: 7:05pm

1. **MINUTES:** The minutes from the October 2021 general meeting were approved.

2. **MEMBERSHIP:**

A. PROBATIONARY TO ACTIVE: The following physicians indicated with a ✓ check mark were approved for probationary status membership.

REMINDER: ONLY ACTIVE MEMBERS CAN VOTE

	MARION – PROBATIONARY TO ACTIVE	SPECIALTY
	Acevedo, Celso, MD	Cardiology/Electro.
	Addisu, Anteneh, MD	Infectious Disease
	Ahmed, Hina, MD	Ophthalmology
	Balaraman, Rama, MD	Oncology
	Bhatt, Hardik, MD	Pulmonology
	Brown, Thomas, MD	Gastroenterology
	Chitumalla, Venkat, MD	Nephrology
	Choksi, Samer, MD	Occupational Medicine
	Corey, Tracey, MD	Forensic Pathology
	DeJongh-Beyer, Mariana, MD	Gastroenterology
	Dickert, Alex, MD	Family Medicine
	Dickert, Jimmy, DO	Family Medicine
	Dickert, Ryan, MD	Family Medicine
	Elhalis, Hussain, MD	Ophthalmology
	ElHayek, Georges, MD	Interventional Cardiology
	Farr, Derek, DO	Orthopaedic Surgery
	Freeman, Jacob, MD	Neurosurgery
	Kovalchuk, Oleksandr, MD	Nephrology
	Kumar, Thimmiah, MD	Gastroenterology
	Lui, Tong, MD	Cardiology
	Mehta, Ajay, MD	Interventional Cardiology
	Ong, Rebecca, MD	Nephrology
	Patterson, Daniel, MD	Hematology/Oncology
	Purdon, Robert, MD	Radiation Oncology
	Pyles, Stephen, MD	Anesthesiology
	Singu, Bheema, MD	Gastroenterology
	Thill, Jeffrey, MD	Urology [RBOI]
	Ventrapragada, Saila, MD	Nephrology

MUST BE PRESENT FOR VOTE TO OCCUR

Checkmark represents those present and voted active

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FEBRUARY 2022 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

B. MEMBERSHIP: The following physicians are scheduled to be presented at the May 2022 General Meeting for vote from probationary to active status: (If anyone has comments regarding the physicians mentioned, please respond in writing to the MCMS office within the next 30 days.)

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PROBATIONARY TO ACTIVE STATUS	SPECIALTY

C. ASSOCIATE STATUS MEMBERSHIP: The following physicians were approved for associate status membership.

ALACHUA	MANATEE
Kaushik Hazariwala, MD	Bahram Ahmadi, MD
Robert Roseman, MD	**SARASOTA**
COLLIER	Marc Berstein, MD
Krystal Smith, DO	Gerard Curtis, MD
EMERALD	
Achraf Makki, MD	

3. GENERAL MEETINGS, PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Next General Meeting – Thursday May 19th, 2022 – Location TBD
2. 3rd Annual Family Fun Day? Ideas welcomed

4. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY:

1. Jennel Carreras-Montgomery, MD - Plastic Surgery / Ocala Plastic Surgery
2. Nicoleta Radoianu, MD - Nephrology / Ocala Kidney Group
3. Sarah Kim, DO - Ophthalmology / Ocala Eye

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

Tonight's Presentation: 2021 Poster Research Symposium Winners:

3rd Place: Justin Watkins: Evaluation of Maternal Age, Race and Ethnicity role in the Male-Female birth ratios during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic in Florida
2nd Place: Nicholas Heyden: Increased Gap in the Gender Birth Ratios in Florida Following the Onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic
1st Place: Stephen Vuu: Optimal Timing and Outcomes Among COVID-19 Patients Undergoing Tracheostomy

Welcomed Ocala Health / HCA – For plaque presentation, and $500 scholarship presentation:
Staff. Dr. Katy Robinson, Research Director, HCA Healthcare
Dr. Cristobal Cintron, Research Coordinator, HCA Healthcare, Erick Schuck, MD, Ocala Health CMO

VIII. ADJOURNMENT Presentation complete: 7:42 pm / Meeting adjourned: 9:08

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