



# THE FORUM

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**CCMS physicians sharing their culture and heritage while giving back to our community**



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Thursday, January 26, 6pm  
**CCMS Women Physicians Social**  
 CCMS Member Home

Thursday, February 9, 6pm  
**CCMS After 5 Social**  
 Hyatt House Naples

Thursday, March 2, 6pm  
**CCMS After 5 Social**  
 Naples Botanical Garden

Saturday, April 1, 8:30am  
**CCMS Women's Health Forum**  
 Naples United Church of Christ  
*Open to the public*  
*Support opportunities at [ccmsonline.org](http://ccmsonline.org)*

Saturday, April 15, 5:30pm  
**CCMS & CCMS Alliance**  
**Everblades Family Hockey Night**  
 Hertz Arena

Saturday, June 10, 6:30pm  
**CCMS Annual Meeting**  
 Arthrex Conference Center  
*Open to the public*  
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*On the cover:* Dr. Zdenko Korunda (far left) and Dr. Nena Korunda (middle) with volunteers at the Croatia Festival/ Hurricane Relief Charity Event

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**The 2022 CCMS dues deadline was Dec. 31, 2022.**

Members (or their groups) can pay online today at [ccmsonline.org/membership](http://ccmsonline.org/membership). Invoices will also be mailed directly to members who pay individually, or to practice administrators for group payment. Members who would like an extension, payment program, or waiver due to Hurricane Ian, please contact CCMS. Thank you.

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# MEMBER NEWS

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## A Message from the CCMS President

Rebecca Smith, M.D., Board President



### Overcoming Physician Burnout

Physician burnout is classified as a psychological syndrome. It is described as a long-term reaction to stress characterized by emotional exhaustion, depersonalization, and a lack of sense of personal accomplishment. Nationwide, physician burnout is at a record high. A

recent study published in Mayo Clinic Proceedings, September 13, 2022, reports results of a survey of 2440 physicians conducted between December 2021 and January 2022. In comparison to physician responses in 2020, physicians in the most recent survey indicate they have more emotional exhaustion (increased by 38.6%), increased depersonalization (increased by 60.7%), decline in satisfaction with work life integration (decreased by 16%) and increased mean scores for depression (increased 6.1%).

We are all aware that physician burnout was a growing phenomenon prior to the Covid-19 pandemic; however, it has become more prevalent. This is especially true for our Collier County physicians due to the ongoing stress of caring for medically complex patients including those with Covid-19 related conditions and repercussions of Hurricane Ian. The NCH physicians are experiencing the ongoing challenge of navigating the new electronic medical health record. The bottom line: The return to a “new norm” is more challenging than the “old norm” for many of our local physicians.

That said, we need to start focusing on ways that we can stay positive, cope with ongoing challenges of the healthcare systems and obtain a balance in work and life. There are many articles and other recourses available to help recognize and manage physician burnout. I have listed several tips from resources including a CME offered by the AMA: “Physician Wellbeing: Protect Against Burnout and Encourage Self Care”.

1. Invest in your physical health.
  - a. Visit your PCP at least once a year and get a PCP if you don't have one.
  - b. Start an exercise program. Taking a 30-minute walk 3-5 times a week will do wonders for your physical and mental wellbeing.
  - c. Maintain good sleep habits, nutrition, and regular exercise.
2. Invest in your mental health: **Be proactive and take advantage of the CCMS Wellbeing Program by having a New Year Mental Health “Check-up”.**



3. Connect socially.
  - a. CCMS has numerous regular “after 5” events to attend and network with colleagues. Your guest is always welcome.
  - b. Our local hospitals have breakfast and lunch available in their physician lounges.
  - c. Take advantage of the opportunity to spend time collaborating with colleagues at work, lunch, CME events and meetings.
4. Find meaning in and outside of work. This may include serving on a committee at work, volunteering or a worthwhile local cause, practice a hobby, learn a new hobby, start a gratitude journal and/or develop your spiritual practice.
5. Spend time with your family and friends.

We have a very diverse group of physicians in town, all with unique talents and hobbies. I will be highlighting our talented physicians in upcoming Forum issues. If you have a hobby or talent you'd like to share with your colleagues, please contact me or the CCMS office staff with more information. We'd love to include you in an upcoming issue.

### What is your Passion outside of medicine?



Dr. Mark Gerber is a neurosurgeon for NASA and has been in practice in Collier County since 2020. He is known for his excellent skills in neurosurgery. Unknown to most, he has several hidden talents. He's an avid car enthusiast and has had a hobby of refurbishing MGs. At a recent local fundraiser, he modestly spoke of his new hobby making metal sculptures from repurposed metal surgical instruments that were thrown away. This, of course, sparked my interest and I had to see!!

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# Physician Wellness Program

## New Year Mental Health Check-Up

### How it Works

As a benefit to CCMS members,\* CCMS provides up to 6 confidential sessions a year at no charge with independent, doctorate-level clinical psychologists.

*\*Open to non-member physicians during Hurricane Ian recovery.*

**We invite local physicians to take advantage of the program for a new year mental wellness “check-up” session.**

- Use a session to help with your mental wellness self-assessment; make your new year’s resolutions stick; receive tips on time management & communication skills; address lawsuits/disciplinary action; or simply talk.
- To participate: call the psychologists’ private, CCMS member **appointment line, 239-208-3984**. Receive a same-day response during business hours or next-morning response after hours.
- See one of the psychologists within 72 hours to 1 week, possibly sooner for urgent needs, with evening and early morning hours potentially available. You may extend your check-up for up to 5 more cost-free sessions.

For more information on the program  
& the participating psychologists visit:

[ccmsonline.org/physician-wellness](http://ccmsonline.org/physician-wellness)

# CCMS Members Share their Culture, Heritage, and Giving Back to our Community

*Collier County Medical Society*

CCMS Members Drs. Nena and Zdenko Korunda and CCMS Past President Dr. Joseph Gauta with wife Susan, and their committee organized the Croatian Festival 2022/Hurricane Relief Charity Event on Saturday, November 12th. The event was hosted by Dr. Mark Gerber and Heather Paris, PA (Event Chairs) at Dr. Gerber's private residence. The Festival raised funds for Little Angels Worldwide, which supports orphanages in Croatia and Nigeria run by Carmelite Nuns, as well as local charities Feed Thy Neighbor and Monastery of St. Clare for those who lost their homes during Hurricane Ian.



*Branko Strok, MD with wife and daughter Maja and Mia, volunteers; Nena Korunda, MD, FACP, President Emeritus, Secretary/Treasurer of Little Angels Worldwide; Sophia Korunda, Acting President of LAW.*

This was the third Croatian Festival and was attended by at least 200 guests including many physicians and their families. The event was staffed by 30 volunteers, including a group of students from Community School of Naples, recruited by Sophia Korunda, the Korundas' 15-year-old daughter. Guests were able to sample

Croatian cuisine and desserts, as well as partake in Croatian festivities including listening to Croatian music and dancing.

The community came together to celebrate and help raise funds via auction items and raffles. With the addition of tickets sales, the event netted \$54,326. From that amount, the charities helping with hurricane relief will receive \$15,150. The rest of the money will be split among Carmelite Nuns caring for children in Croatia (finally replacing old asbestos roofs) and Nigeria (feeding local population in need).

During the event, Dominik Korunda, President of Little Angels Worldwide (LAW) announced a variety of speakers. Sophia Korunda, Acting President of LAW talked about her experience visiting homes in Croatia since 2015, Dr. Joseph Gauta spoke about charity "Feed Thy Neighbor" and Lisa Gorda represented Monastery of St. Clare.

Ms. Korunda recalled her experience as an 8-year-old visiting the children's orphanage when she traveled to Croatia with her

family. She expressed that she enjoyed playing with the children at the orphanage who were close in age. However, she states that at the time, she did not realize why she never met the parents of the children she played with. It was several years later that she realized they did not have parents. Ms. Korunda went on to express how blessed she feels having the family she has, as well as having the experience to understand and help those who are not as privileged.

## About the Designated Charities



*Sophia Korunda and children in the House of St. Theresa, Zagreb*

Little Angels Worldwide is a 501c3 Florida-based nonprofit organization founded in 2015 by the Gauta and Korunda families to help Carmelite Nuns run two orphanages in Croatia and one safe house in Nigeria. LAW started organizing the Croatian Festival charity event in 2016 to promote Croatian culture and raise the funds to educate, provide housing, and care for orphans who are victims of poverty. The Gautas and Korundas feel passionate towards giving back to their roots of Croatia by providing support for the most vulnerable, the orphaned children in Croatia. LAW is run entirely by volunteer support.



*House of St. Theresa nuns with Korunda family*

Through this fundraiser, organizers were also able to give back to those locally affected by Hurricane Ian through Feed Thy Neighbor, an organization that feeds those in Collier County who are unable to put meals on their tables. In addition, they provided support to the nuns from the Monastery of St. Clare who were displaced when Hurricane Ian destroyed their convent in Fort Myers Beach.

Feed thy Neighbor was founded in Naples when the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020. It is now a community-owned 501c3 non-profit cooking out of the commercial kitchen at St. Monica's Episcopal Church in Naples and delivering meals

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to not only Collier County families, but also to Lee County families where the Bonita Springs Lions Club hosts a satellite kitchen. Feed Thy Neighbor creates and delivers an average of 500 standard meals and 200 hundred hearty soup meals daily, and its mission is to feed all people in need without question.

The San Damiano Monastery of St. Clare located in Fort Myers Beach is one of many locations around the word that are home to the Sisters of Poor Clare, a cloistered community of nuns. When Hurricane Ian hit Fort Myers Beach, The Poor Clare's property

was severely damaged. Funds raised will help the parish rebuild and continue their work.

Kudos to our local CCMS physicians for their dedication, philanthropy, and commitment to making a significant difference in the lives of the Croatian and Nigerian children in need of love, encouragement, and the basics to survive, as well as those in our Southwest Florida communities with special needs to help them survive and get back on their feet after Hurricane Ian.



*Croatia Festival Volunteers*

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## CCMS 2023 Physician of the Year Request for Nominations

Collier County Medical Society

Collier County Medical Society is pleased to announce its search for the 9th Annual CCMS Physician of the Year. The award honors a CCMS member who deserves special recognition for exemplary contributions to the practice of medicine and/or outstanding service to our community. The Board of Directors of CCMS invites all CCMS members to submit nominees for this prestigious award.

Nominees must be a current member of CCMS and have demonstrated exceptional activities over the past year that reflect well on the medical profession. For instance, a candidate might be a physician who has made significant innovations in medicine, has helped improve access to care for the underserved, or has been a leading volunteer for worthwhile causes in our community.

The award will be presented at the 66th CCMS Annual Meeting & Installation of Officers, June 10, 2023 at Arthrex One Conference Center. Details will be posted at [ccmsonline.org/events](https://ccmsonline.org/events). For support opportunities visit [ccmsonline.org/support](https://ccmsonline.org/support).

Please complete the nomination form located <https://bit.ly/3YmGZKE>, noting explicitly why the nominee is deserving of the award. We strongly encourage you to submit additional documentation such as supporting letters, CV, or news articles. All nominations must be made by CCMS member physicians.

Mail, fax, or email the nomination form and any supporting information to:

Collier County Medical Society  
ATTN: Physician of the Year Award  
88 12th St. N., Unit 200, Naples FL 34102  
Tel (239) 435-7727 Fax (239) 435-7790  
[info@ccmsonline.org](mailto:info@ccmsonline.org)

**Deadline for entries is February 20, 2023**

The CCMS Board of Directors thanks the Medical Society members for your part in helping us to acknowledge those physicians who go above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community

### Previous Physician of the Year Honorees:

Paul Mitchell, MD - 2015  
Robert Tober, MD - 2016  
Paul Jones, MD - 2017  
James Talano, MD - 2018  
Cesar De Leon, DO - 2019  
Raymond Phillips, MD - 2020  
Mark Russo, MD - 2021  
Catherine Kowal, MD - 2022



*2022 Physician of the Year Catherine Kowal, MD (right), nominated by Rebekah Bernard, MD (left)*

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## CCMS Ad-Hoc Committee on Diversity, Health Equity, and Inclusion

In July 2021, CCMS announced the establishment of its ad-hoc committee on Diversity, Health Equity, and Inclusion. CCMS members Dr. Shawn Khan and Dr. Nena Korunda serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, and all interested CCMS members are invited to participate.

The committee intends to increase racial and cultural sensitivity awareness among our CCMS members to allow us to take better care of our patients who come from varied backgrounds and cultures, which can significantly impact their compliance with treatment regimens, the clinical decision-making process, frequency of physician visits, and more. The committee also hopes to inspire those who have traditionally been underrepresented in the field of medicine to pursue careers in medicine.

Recently, the committee finalized their mission for Diversity, Health Equity, Inclusion: “We are committed to continuing to support a diverse community of healthcare providers with unique perspectives, talents, and experiences dedicated to promoting excellence and leadership in medicine through education, research, clinical care, and service. We are committed to increasing awareness of the variety of healthcare disparities that exist locally and globally.”

The Diversity, Health Equity, and Inclusion ad-hoc committee plans to partner with the CCMS board and other CCMS committees to deliver this information to our members via presentations, printed material, and in-office DEI training if requested, adhering to the CCMS mission of “serving the needs of our physician members so they can better serve the needs of the community.”

Membership in CCMS committees is open to all CCMS physician members. If you are interested in serving on the ad-hoc committee on Diversity, Health Equity and inclusion, or would like to serve on another committee or be considered for a position on the CCMS Board or Delegation to the FMA, please contact April Donahue, CCMS Executive Director at [april@ccmsonline.org](mailto:april@ccmsonline.org) / 239-435-7727.

Open Committees:

- Diversity, Health Equity, and Inclusion
- Grievances
- Health Insurance Co-Op  
(must participate in CCMS group health plan)
- Legislative
- Membership
- Physician Wellness
- Programs
- Women’s Health Forum

## Physicians Complete New Fellowship Training Programs at NCH

The Graduate Medical Education program at NCH Healthcare System welcomed its first two fellows in July 2021. This ACGME-accredited fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine includes Inpatient and Outpatient Palliative Medicine at NCH; Hospice Medicine with VITAS Healthcare; Pediatric Palliative Medicine with VITAS Healthcare; Oncology; Interventional Pain Medicine; Spirituality; Research; and electives. The program at NCH offers a community hospital experience to physicians pursuing training in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. It is a unique opportunity for physicians to develop an expertise in a nurturing environment with a wealth of expertise, mentorship, and a diversified patient population.

but finished in under two years (October 31, 2022) instead of the projected two years. She finished the fellowship just in time to take her board certification exam and joined the NCH Palliative Medicine Team. She will also provide medical education to the incoming fellows and residents.



Dr. Tarabay completed the fellowship in June 2022 and is currently working as Associate Medical Director for VITAS Healthcare in central Florida.



*Dr. Ryan Perdzock, Dr. Julieta Gilson,  
Mark Gilson, Gilson daughters,  
Dr. Rebecca Smith*

Dr. Julieta Gilson and Dr. Rami Tarabay were the first two fellows to complete their fellowship training in hospice & palliative medicine at NCH Healthcare System.

Dr. Gilson worked Part-time as a hospitalist at NCH while she also completed the fellowship

NCH’s newly ACGME-accredited three-year Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine and Cardiology Fellowships also expect to have their first full-term graduates in 2025. Additionally, at time of writing Dr. Alexandra Walters is completing her Cardiology fellowship as a transfer with expected graduation date of December 31, 2022 and Dr. Keith Cornel is expected to complete his Cardiology fellowship as a transfer with expected graduation date of June 2024.

# What Not to Do: Telehealth Lessons Learned

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## What Not to Do: TELEHEALTH LESSONS LEARNED



The rising adoption of telehealth has highlighted the myriad challenges it presents to patients, providers, and healthcare systems. In this video series, TDC Group and Candello feature patient safety leaders and risk management experts who provide guidance and practice management tips to improve virtual care for all. The series provides viewers ways to optimize telehealth patient outcomes by sharing what NOT to do. *All videos located at [tdcg.com/insights/what-not-to-do-telehealth-lessons-learned](https://tdcg.com/insights/what-not-to-do-telehealth-lessons-learned)*

### Clinical Considerations

In this video, experts discuss what to consider when deciding to use virtual visits, how to handle triage in virtual care, how to ensure accurate diagnoses with telehealth, strategies for providing quality patient care during a virtual visit, developing good web-side manner, and when to convert a virtual visit into an in-person visit.

### Equity Considerations

In this video, experts discuss how to anticipate and address barriers to telehealth access for patients, including varying levels of digital literacy and access to appropriate technology and adequate internet speeds.

### Legal Considerations

This video explores how the legal landscape for telehealth is changing nearly daily, making it vital for clinicians to stay up to date on the rules and regulations. Experts discuss the rules for practicing across state lines, considerations for prescribing medications over telehealth, guidelines for choosing virtual care for different health conditions or circumstances, ensuring informed consent, and documenting virtual care for third-party payers.

### Technical Considerations

In this video, experts address picking and setting up a virtual care system, conducting privacy and security audits, integrating the care system with the EHR, camera and microphone choices, preparing patients for virtual visits, and how to troubleshoot technology issues during telehealth calls

### Managing the Unexpected

This video explores the ways virtual visits can go sideways, strategies to handle those situations (including rescheduling the visit, converting the visit to in-person, and problem-solving during the visit), how to create a backup plan to handle technology issues, what to look for in patient behaviors and environment to evaluate the patient's safety, and managing patient expectations with virtual care.

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Well, as the cliché goes, “a picture says a 1000 words”. Thus, Dr. Gerber shared a photo to include in our Forum. On his spare time, Dr. Gerber also plays the piano. He grew up in an artistic family including an artist mother and musician brother.



Dr. Cesar DeLeon is a family medicine physician with Millennium Healthcare. He has a thriving outpatient practice and actively participates in our CCMS, having served as President of the CCMS Board of Directors, 2019-2020. In his spare time, he raises “Italian Honeybees” and makes local honey. I have personally observed his making the honey and tasted it. Dr. DeLeon’s honey is the “key” ingredient in my homemade baklava! Dr. DeLeon is also learning a new skill of flying planes.

Both Dr. Gerber and Dr. DeLeon are seasoned physicians who are demonstrating their ability to thrive during times of uncertainty in healthcare. I am happy to share their unique talents and look forward to learning about yours.

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### New Practice:


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## Scholarship Applications for Medical & Healthcare Students are Due March 31st

Foundation News of CCMS

The board of directors of the Foundation of Collier County Medical Society announces its latest call for applications for two scholarship award programs: the Dr. William and Nancy Lascheid Memorial Scholarship for Medical Students, and the Foundation of CCMS Healthcare Student Scholarships for students enrolled in or accepted to healthcare degree programs. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2023.

The Dr. William and Nancy Lascheid Memorial Scholarship for Medical Students honors and remembers Neighborhood Health Clinic co-founders Dr. William and Nancy Lascheid and their legacy of providing care and a medical home for thousands of underserved in Collier County. Along with their many exemplary contributions to the local medical community, Dr. Lascheid was a CCMS Past President, and Mrs. Lascheid was a CCMS Alliance Past President. Eligible Florida residents enrolled in or accepted to medical school, who have demonstrated excellence in service to their community, may apply. The Foundation's Healthcare Student Scholarships offer awards to eligible Florida residents enrolled in or accepted as students in healthcare degree programs, such as nursing, physician assistant, physical therapy, and more. The scholarships are based on academic merit and contributions to the community. Financial need may also be considered.



2022 Foundation of CCMS Healthcare Scholarship Recipients, clockwise from top left: Aline Dort, Rebecca Henkind, Juliana Pena Lopez, Emma Stock



Yordan Urrutia, 2022  
Dr. William Lascheid  
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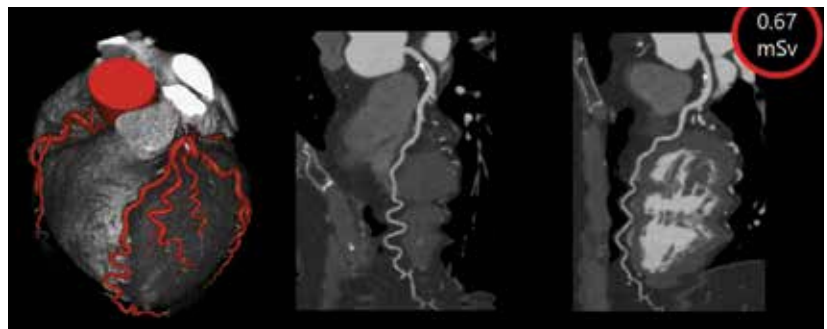
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