

CCMS Board Members 2023-2024



Gary D. Swain, MD – President

Dr. Swain attended the Univ. of Nevada School of Medicine, where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, California, and a Fellowship in Academic Medicine at the Univ. of California, San Francisco. Following his training, he was stationed in southern Italy, where he was the Chief of Clinical Services at the San Vito Air Station. Dr. Swain also spent time in Zagreb, Croatia, working in a MASH unit during the war between the Bosnians and

Croatians. He later returned to a faculty position at the Travis AFB residency program and held an appointment as an assistant clinical professor at the Univ. of California, Davis, School of Medicine before retiring as a Lt Colonel. After his military retirement, he practiced in Decatur, TX, for 12 years before moving to Naples, FL. In Naples, Dr. Swain first accepted a position with NCH Healthcare System as a primary care physician, later transitioning into a concierge practice. He is happily married to Karen Swain, and together they have six children and nine grandchildren.



Zubin Pachori, MD – Vice President

Dr. Pachori is a Hospital Medicine Physician, practicing in Collier County since 2012. He was raised in Florida and is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University. He received his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine, and completed his residency at Stamford Hospital/Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons Program in Family Medicine. He is one of the founders of Premier Inpatient Partners, and has been involved with several hospital committees. At home he enjoys spending time with his two sons and his wife.



George Brinnig, MD – Treasurer

Dr. Brinnig continues his 30+ year career as a general ophthalmologist. He has practiced in numerous settings including solo practice in California, large group in Massachusetts, and single specialty group in Connecticut. He has served in several organized medicine venues including governing boards of the California Medical Association, Stanislaus County Medical Society (also as President and CEO), and New Haven County Medical Society. His BS is from SUNY Albany, PhD from UC Berkeley, MD from UC Davis, and MMM from Carnegie Mellon. He enjoys inventing, foreign language, and travel.



Jose M. Baez, MD – Secretary

Dr. Baez is a board-certified internist with a private practice in North Naples. He attended medical school at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and completed his Internal Medicine residency at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center. While in private practice in Connecticut, he was Assistant Clinical Professor at University of Connecticut's School of Medicine. Dr. Baez has served on numerous hospital committees and medical association boards. For the past few years, he has chaired the CCMS Membership Committee and served as a delegate to the FMA. Dr. Baez has completed 7 New York City Marathons and a Chicago Marathon.



Glenn E. Groat, MD – Officer/Director at Large

Dr. Groat received his undergraduate degree in Kinesiology and Psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his medical degree from the SUNY Upstate Medical University. He completed his internship at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital for Diagnostic Radiology and residency in Radiology at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Dr. Groat then completed a Fellowship in Body Imaging and Intervention Radiology at the Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He is board certified by the American Board of Radiology and is a member of the American College of Radiology. He is currently the Assistant Managing Partner at Radiology Regional.



Alexandra R. Grace, DO – Director at Large

Dr. Grace received her BS in Psychobiology at Univ. of Miami. She completed both a doctor of osteopathic and master's in public health at Nova Southeastern, residency in internal medicine at Mount Sinai, and gastroenterology fellowship at St. John Macomb Oakland, Michigan. She is dual boarded in internal medicine and gastroenterology. After 7 years of hospital employed practice, Dr. Grace started her private gastroenterology practice in 2022, Gastroenterology Specialists of Southwest Florida. She has been a member of CCMS for 8 years, is former chief of medicine at Physicians Regional, past CCMS nominating committee chair, and an FMA delegate since 2021.



Erik D. Hiester, DO – Director at Large

Dr. Hiester is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and by the American Board of Family Medicine. He is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at Univ. of Central Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Hiester received a Bachelor and Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering at the Univ. of Miami and a Doctor of Osteopathic medicine degree at the Kansas City Univ. of Medicine and Biosciences. He completed a residency in family medicine in Binghamton, New York, and a fellowship in interventional pain medicine at Emory Medical School in Atlanta, Georgia. He is employed at NCH as a concierge physician working with his wife, Karen Hiester, DO.



Rebecca G. Smith, MD - Immediate Past President

Dr. Smith is the Program Director of the Patty Baker Outpatient Palliative Care and Inpatient Palliative programs of NCH Healthcare System. She earned her BS in Biology and MS in Physiology from The Pennsylvania State University, and MD from St. George's University School of Medicine. Dr. Smith began her internship in Internal Medicine and residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Louisiana State University Medical Center, completed at Temple University Hospital. She completed a Pain Medicine fellowship at Harvard Medical School and is Board Certified in PM&R, Hospice & Palliative Care Medicine, and Pain Medicine. She has co-authored peer-reviewed publications and teaches at St. George's School of Medicine.

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