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Dr. Gary Swain Installed as 66th CCMS President



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register at www.ccmsonline.org or call (239) 435-7727

July 28-30, 2023

FMA Annual Meeting

Hyatt Regency Orlando

Register at flmedical.org

Friday, August 11, 6:00pm

CCMS After 5 Social

Stay tuned for details

Friday, September 8, 6:00pm

CCMS & LCMS After 5 Social

NCH Bonita Ambulatory Surgery Center

Saturday, September 30, 8:00am

Foundation of CCMS

"Docs & Duffers" Charity Golf Tournament

Kensington Golf & Country Club

Open to the public

Support opportunities at ccmsfoundation.org

Wednesday, October 4, 6:00pm

CCMS Women Physicians Social

Seasons 52

Thursday, October 19, 6:00pm

CCMS After 5 Social

Gardens at Terracina

Thursday, October 26, 6:00pm

CCMS Fall General Membership Meeting

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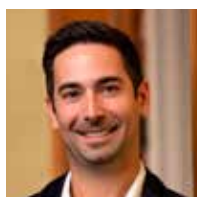
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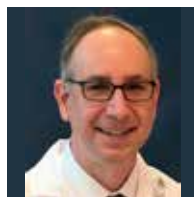
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A Message from the 66th CCMS Board President

Gary Swain, MD, Board President, Collier County Medical Society



[Adapted from Dr. Swain's Installation Address at the CCMS Annual Meeting, June 10th.]

I would like to thank Dr. Joshua Lenchus, FMA President for his presentation and the installation of our officers. The society would like to thank our sponsors for making this event possible, especially Arthrex, for the wonderful venue. I would also like to congratulate our

Physician of the Year, Dr. Nena Korunda, and our Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Dr. Wallace McLean.

I want to thank our members for trusting me and our board by electing us to these offices. We will strive to be worthy during this coming year. I would also like to thank my wife, who has had to share me with my practice and with the CCMS more frequently than she deserves. I would not be here without her support. Finally, I would like to thank April Donahue, executive director and Nancy Wood, executive assistant, whose efforts keep the medical society running smoothly and have made this meeting possible.

Each prior president and board member has faced unique trials, ranging from hospital leadership issues to pandemic challenges. I believe we are facing a new challenge. To paraphrase a quote from Joseph Chamberlain in 1898, I feel that we find ourselves "Living in interesting times." The COVID pandemic challenged us medically but also impacted our patients' faith in the science of medicine in general. Whether this loss of confidence in the medical profession was caused by politics or not, we now have politicians placing themselves between the physician and the patient. It was clear to me from the last board meeting that just as we come here from different religions, we also come from different political viewpoints.

Having said that, I believe that our responsibilities as your board of directors lie in the mission and vision of this organization. The mission statement, "to serve the needs of our physician members so they can better serve the needs of the community," and the vision to "help physicians practice high-quality medicine in our community," should guide us in our actions as your board of directors. I believe these sentiments are directing us to protect the patient-physician relationship. As your delegates to the FMA, we will endeavor to preserve this relationship while avoiding undue political influence. As your representatives, we encourage you to forward your concerns to us so we can better represent the views of the membership at these meetings and to our legislature.

One issue that your board will present to the FMA this year regards the protection of physicians in providing care to our patients. This resolution recommends the FMA oppose any

efforts to criminalize the actions of physicians due to educating, counseling, or treating patients, again trying to protect the patient-physician relationship. To review all the resolutions submitted to the FMA, go to <https://bit.ly/42QJZzH>.

I feel that we need to recognize the efforts of the membership committee, currently under the leadership of Dr. Jose Baez. This committee has increased the participation of Collier County physicians to 129% of the number we had in 2016, despite the distractions of a pandemic and two major hurricanes. The membership numbers have increased from 567 to 730 currently. We are continuing our efforts to increase the membership.

Our physician wellness program has proven very successful, with almost 700 sessions from March 2017 through May 2023. This program was implemented to support the mental health of our members and has been replicated successfully by other county societies.

I also want to recognize the Foundation of CCMS as they complete their tenth year of service. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that was formed to provide support and leadership to programs that address access to healthcare and promote health education. The Foundation awarded over \$24,500 in scholarships in 2022 to students in healthcare-related fields. They have also contributed to the physician wellness program and grass-root organizations such as the Physician Led Access Network of Collier County (PLAN).

Other committees that support our core values of Collegiality, Professionalism, Leadership, Advocacy, Education, Communication, and the maintenance of Physician Wellness include:

- The Legislative Committee, which monitors legislative sessions and strives to educate our legislators on issues affecting the medical profession. Such matters have included scope of practice creep by allied health personnel, insurance preauthorization process, and transparency in medical billing.
- The Programs Committee, which plans the various meetings we enjoy such as the New Members Reception, the Fall Membership Meeting, After 5 Socials, and many other CCMS events throughout the year. These events are designed to improve our collegiality and provide networking opportunities.

Overall, there are many opportunities for individuals who want to show leadership in supporting our medical community. Please join any of the available activities where you have an interest. Contact April if you would like to join a committee or function that suits your strengths.

Again, I want to thank you all for your involvement and look forward to the upcoming year.

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CCMS Honors Leaders at the 2023 CCMS Annual Meeting

More than 200 members and guests enjoyed networking and recognizing their colleagues at the Medical Society's 66th Annual Meeting, June 10th at Arthrex One Conference Center. Dr. Rebecca Smith, outgoing president passed the gavel to Dr. Gary Swain, who began his one-year term as the 66th CCMS board president; the 2023-24 board of directors took office; and CCMS awarded Dr. Nena Korunda the 9th Annual CCMS Physician of the Year and Dr. Wallace McLean a Lifetime Achievement Award. CCMS also recognized Southwest Florida Physicians Association for their 6 years of supporting the CCMS Physician Wellness Program, with a total of \$112,000 contributed, and the 10th Anniversary of the Foundation of CCMS.

Thank you to the Annual Meeting presenting sponsors GenesisCare, GenesisCare Network Physicians, and Inspire Oncology/Magnolia Breast Center; major sponsors Apex Brain & Spine, Community Healthcare Partners, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Markham Norton Mosteller Wright, Privia Health, Quarles Law Firm, and Truist Wealth; and to our supporters Creative Scripts Compounding Pharmacy and Physician Facilitator Services.

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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 Croats. 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.

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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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Florida Medical Association Supports Resolution on Medicare Physician Payment Reform by the American Medical Association

Florida Medical Association (FMA) President Joshua Lenchus, D.O., and Chair of the FMA's delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA), Corey Howard, M.D., praised the national organization for adopting a resolution entitled 'Physician Payment Reform' which aims to achieve predictable, sustainable, and fair physician payment through Medicare.

"The resolution brought forth by 11 states, including Florida and several specialty societies recognizes that Medicare physician payment reform is of critical importance to allow medical professionals to be made whole for the care they give to their patients, so that Florida doctors may do what they do best; practice medicine," said FMA President, Joshua Lenchus, D.O.

"As Chair of the Florida Delegation to the AMA, this is a top priority not only here in Florida, but across the country. We must ensure that physician payments are updated annually at least equal to the annual percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index, and rates are sufficient to cover the full cost of sustainable medical practice. This is a step in the right direction," said Dr. Corey Howard. [Editor's note, Dr. Howard is a past CCMS and FMA president.]

RESOLVED, That our AMA reaffirm AMA Policy H-390-849, "Physician Payment Reform," which states, among other things, that our AMA will advocate for the development and adoption of physician payment reforms that are designed with input from the physician community, do not require budget neutrality within Medicare Part B, and are based on payment rates that are sufficient to cover the full cost of sustainable medical practice.



Dr. Corey Howard



Dr. Joshua Lenchus

AMA EFFORTS ON MEDICARE PAYMENT REFORM

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association declare Medicare physician payment reform as an urgent advocacy and legislative priority for our AMA; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA prioritize significant increases in funding for federal and state advocacy budgets specifically allocated to achieve Medicare physician payment reform to ensure that physician payments are updated annually at least equal to the annual percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA Board of Trustees report back to the House of Delegates at each annual and interim meeting on the progress of our AMA in achieving Medicare payment reform until predictable, sustainable, fair physician payment is achieved.

The newly adopted AMA Policy D-390.922 to read as follows:

Physician Payment Reform and Equity, D-390.922 Our AMA will implement a comprehensive advocacy campaign, including a sustained national media strategy engaging patients and physicians in promoting Medicare physician payment reform, to achieve enactment of reforms to the Medicare physician payment system consistent with AMA policy and in accord with the principles (Characteristics of a Rational Medicare Payment System) endorsed by over 120 state and medical specialty 45 Federation of Medicine members. Reference Committee B (A-23)

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Collegiality, Professionalism, Leadership, Advocacy, Education,
Communication, Physician Wellness



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Outgoing President's Address

Rebecca Smith, MD



I believe every CCMS President begins their year with the goal to do a great job serving the CCMS community. They also start their year with some anxiety about what is “in store” for the year to come. Since my service as a CCMS Board Member began in 2017-18, I have been part of yearly challenges including Hurricane Irma, Collier County Community outrage over the proposed changes to the admission policy of NCH, COVID-19 pandemic, and during my year as President, Hurricane Ian. We did not have another revolution within our healthcare systems this year, and I am truly thankful for this! We also did not have the extreme public controversy that we had during the heart of the COVID-19 pandemic. These were challenges that our past Presidents handled with eloquence. Our 2022-23 year did have the disruption and challenges associated with Hurricane Ian and need for CCMS advocacy with the Collier County Commissioners regarding the county’s mental health receiving facility and the

Collier County Patient Bill of Rights ordinance and resolution as mentioned in past articles of *The Forum*.

My initial intention was to write an article regarding “Physician Heroes” and learn more throughout the year about who has inspired our CCMS medical community to be physicians and/or specialists. Many feel that respect for physicians and the medical community has been tarnished since the politicalization of medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic. What can we do to restore the trust and respect for physicians? I believe I will return to my initial goal of reflecting on our inspirations to enter the field of medicine to answer this question. We have all had mentors who have helped shape our perspectives on medicine and our values to be a good physician. Many were high achievers, active in their communities and serve(d) as role models.

My inspiration to enter the field of medicine was Dr. Augusto N. Delorme. He was my best childhood friend’s father and the physician who delivered me. I include this in my article to illustrate how we physicians can make a difference, not only in our patients’ lives, but in the lives of our community. We can inspire and mentor others. Our families can make a difference as well. For me, Dr. Delorme and his family set a high standard. Times have changed, but we can still learn from our predecessors. We can emulate their contributions and work ethic. The profession of medicine and the role of the physician need to be respected. Pakistani Beggar King Hussein Nishah (1538-1599) wrote “Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to. Respect is earned, not given”. I recommend that we reflect on our past inspirations and their values and consider ways that we do and/or can make a meaningful difference for our community, practice, and profession.

I leave my year’s role as President of CCMS Board of Directors in good hands with an energetic and passionate leader, Dr. Gary Swain, and “The A TEAM” Board of Directors who are truly dedicated to serving our CCMS community of physicians and CCMS mission. I’d like to express my gratitude for the ongoing input from Past Presidents: Dr. James Talano, Dr. Rafael Haciski, Dr. Catherine Kowal, Dr. Cesar De Leon, Dr. Rebekah Bernard, and Dr. Alejandro Perez-Trepichio. Of course, our CCMS is blessed with the assistance of April Donahue, Executive Director, and Nancy Wood, Executive Assistant. “Teamwork makes the dream work”!

CCMS, thank you for your support. It has been a privilege to serve as 2022-23 President of the CCMS Board of Directors. I look forward to continued service to CCMS.

CCMS Annual Highlights

- ◆ Resuming normal in-person member activities without needing COVID-19 precautions.
- ◆ Supporting colleagues and our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.
- ◆ Educating Collier County Commissioners on important issues that affect the practice of medicine and public safety, including more local mental health services and affordable living for all healthcare workers.
- ◆ Participating in state legislative efforts, such as voicing our members' concerns at the Florida Medical Association Annual Meeting and meeting with Senate President Kathleen Passidomo.
- ◆ Continuing to grow our membership roster, which has increased by more than 44% since 2013.
- ◆ Extending our trend of increased net assets, with an increase of approximately 200% over the last 10 years.
- ◆ Providing 135 confidential, cost-free psychological counseling sessions for physician members through the CCMS Physician Wellness program.
- ◆ Continuing to assist physicians and patients with CCMS member physician referrals via the CCMS member physician directory, our online "find a doctor" search, and phone calls to CCMS.
- ◆ Supporting the efforts of the Foundation of CCMS to sustain their charitable activities in healthcare, and the CCMS Political Action Committee, to help elect medicine-friendly candidates for state and local office.
- ◆ Celebrating our 66th Anniversary at our 2022 Annual Meeting, as well as the 10th employment anniversary of executive assistant Nancy Wood.

Thank you to all our CCMS members for being part of your local medical society and supporting our mission, your participation helps to make our efforts and activities possible.

Membership

Total Membership 2022-2023: 749

New Members, April 2022-March 2023:

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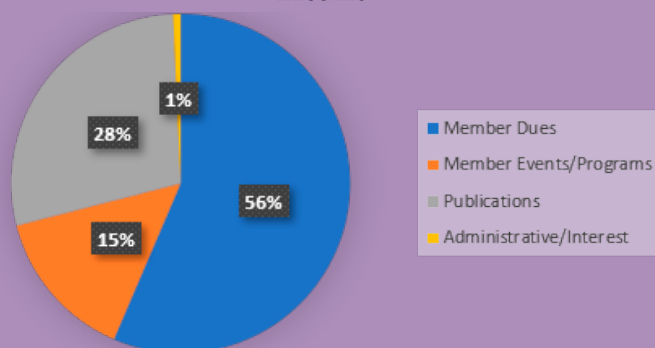
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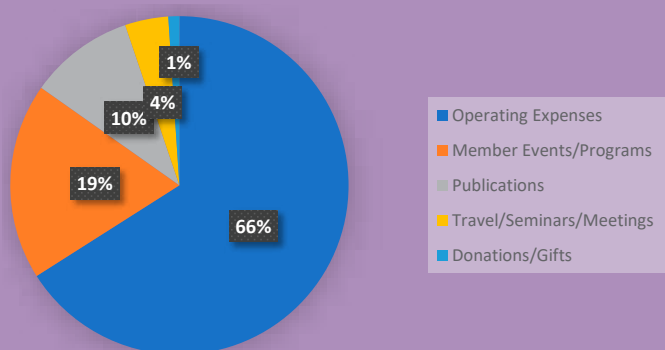
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Income and Expenses

Income



Expenses



Net Assets Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022: \$502,837

**Based on unreviewed financial statements, pending CPA review*

CCMS PAC Report 2022-2023

The CCMS Political Action Committee (PAC) provides funds to local and state candidates who are physician and patient friendly. CCMS members and spouses are encouraged to contribute \$100 each to the PAC to help make an impact on elections in Collier County and Florida. The 2024 elections are coming soon, and it is vital that Collier County physicians participate in the process so their voices are heard. Contact CCMS or visit ccmsonline.org/membership to contribute.

Your PAC had \$3,450 in income last fiscal year (down slightly) and \$4,500 in expenses, with a bank balance of \$6,816 on March 31st. The PAC board's primary goal was to distribute funds saved for the 2022 elections, and made financial contributions to the candidates who had a positive voting record and/or excelled in their interviews with the board. Those candidates included Reg Buxton for County Commission District 2, Penny Taylor and Michelle McLeod for District 4, and State Senators Kathleen Passidomo and Gayle Harrell. The PAC also contributed to Senator Passidomo's "Working Together for Florida PAC".

If you have questions about the CCMS PAC, contact any of the PAC Board: Dr. Rolando Rivera – Chair/Treasurer, Dr. Mitchell Zeitler, Dr. Julian Javier, Dr. Catherine Kowal, CCMS Alliance representative Catherine Campbell, or April Donahue at CCMS. Thank you to all our PAC contributors and future contributors.

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Foundation of CCMS 2022 Annual Report

Rolando Rivera, M.D., Foundation Chair



I am happy to provide the 2022 report from our Medical Society's 501c3 charitable arm, the Foundation of CCMS. Our first full year after the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic allowed us to resume more in-person fundraising events to sustain our support of scholarships to future medical professionals and donations to local healthcare programs in need, and we were fortunate that none were impacted by Hurricane Ian.

We awarded 5 scholarships in 2022 totaling over \$24,500. The awards included the newly renamed Dr. William and Nancy Lascheid Memorial Scholarship, after Nancy Lascheid sadly passed in August 2022. This scholarship honors their service in co-founding the Neighborhood Health Clinic and is awarded to medical students who are Florida residents and excel in community service. Award recipient Yordan Urrutia is from Naples and a student at Florida State University College of Medicine.

Read more about all our 2022 winners, and soon our 2023 winners, at ccmsfoundation.org/#scholarships, where interested applicants can also download applications for next year's scholarships, which will be due March 31, 2024.

Our 9th Anniversary Docs & Duffers charity golf tournament was held September 24, 2022, with an awards banquet luncheon as in pre-COVID years, and a raffle. We welcomed 116 golfers who enjoyed a wonderful day outdoors at Bonita Bay Club Naples winning prizes and raising funds for the Foundation. We were fortunate to have 20 sponsors, 27 prize donors, and 21 volunteers supporting the event, which raised nearly \$28,000 in net proceeds.

We also raised funds with a wine dinner fundraiser in August at Bar Tulia Mercato, a virtual wine pull fundraiser in the fall, raffle fundraisers at a variety of CCMS member events, and at the 2022 CCMS Women's Health Forum with attendee donations and a portion of the sponsorship proceeds.

Another highlight was our continued support of the CCMS Physician Wellness Program, with a grant of \$2,500 (issued in early 2023). This important initiative to help our members treat and prevent burnout is critical to improving access to quality healthcare in our community, particularly during the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, when the program extended services to non-member physicians in the community.

As we look ahead, 2023 is our 10th year of operating, and to help celebrate this anniversary, we are asking CCMS members and our partners to consider making a pledge to

Our mission: Provide support and leadership to programs that address access to healthcare and promote health education.

the Foundation that can be paid over the next 4 years. Please contact the CCMS office for details. One of our goals is to continue building the endowment fund we launched in 2017, managed by the Community Foundation of Collier County, which helps create long-term sustainability. Supporters can provide their gifts in a variety of ways – financial, property, planning giving, and more.

Gross revenue for 2022 was over \$77,000, including donations from members and friends, support from CCMS, and fundraising events. Total expenses for 2022 were approximately \$36,000, including programming expenses, our scholarships, and low operations costs. At the end of our fiscal year, our balance of total assets was up to nearly \$84,000, with favorable gains in our endowment.

Thank you to all the member physicians and friends of the Foundation who have made contributions since our founding. Your support is critical to our success, and we look forward to continued growth for the years to come. We encourage all our members to consider the Foundation in your charitable giving plans. You can donate at ccmsfoundation.org or call us at 239-435-7727 for details.

We also invite everyone to participate in our upcoming 10th Annual Docs & Duffers golf tournament and raffle, Saturday, September 30, at Kensington Golf & Country Club. You are welcome to golf, be a sponsor, volunteer, raffle entrant (need not be present to win), and/or donate prizes. Register or learn more about the tournament and raffle at ccmsfoundation.org.

Please contact any one of the FCCMS board members for information on the Foundation's activities and mission, or reach out to April at the CCMS office, (239) 435-7727 or april@ccmsonline.org. We also hope you will follow us on Facebook, fb.com/ccmsfoundation. On behalf of all of us, thank you again and we look forward to working with you to improve the health of our community.

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Towards Making Stage 4 Cancer to the Brain and Spine a Chronic Disease

Amanda Sacino, MD-PhD and Gregory Cannarsa, MD



Metastatic disease to the brain and spine is unfortunately common in oncology patients. Due to the growing number of treatment options for brain and spine metastases, treatment and management is best performed via a multi-disciplinary approach including neurosurgeons, medical/radiation oncologists, neuroradiologists, primary care physicians, and psychiatry. A designated neuro-oncology tumor board that meets regularly and reviews cases from a multi-modal approach is critical for targeted, individualized patient care. With proper care, it may be possible to significantly extend lifespan with prompt diagnosis and treatment of brain and spinal metastases.



with targeted radiation such as CyberKnife, cEBRT, proton therapy, or carbon ion therapy. Additionally, there are systemic molecular targeted therapies, chemotherapies, and immunotherapies.

While prognosis varies depending upon the type of primary cancer, generally, patients have the potential for longer lives with metastatic disease. We advocate for patient access to the best individualized care plan which includes providing great care locally so patients can receive support from their loved ones during their treatment with the comfort of being close to home.

New CCMS physician members Drs. Sacino and Cannarsa of Apex Brain & Spine welcome your patient referrals on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Urgent consults can be requested at apexbrainandspine.com/referring-providers. Non-urgent consults can be requested by calling the office at (239) 215-1808.

Brain Metastases

- 25% of patients develop brain metastases, which are the most common type of intracranial neoplasm, outnumbering primary brain tumors 10:1.
- Site of origin: lung (40-50%), breast (15-25%), melanoma (5-20%) and renal (5-10%).
- 80% of metastases to the brain are found in the cerebral hemispheres, with 15% in the cerebellum, and 5% in the brainstem.
- Patient presentation is headache (70%), seizures (30-60%), cognitive impairment (30%), and/or papilledema (8%) in addition to focal neurologic deficits.

Spinal Metastases

- 60-70% of patients end up developing spinal metastatic disease; however, only 10% are symptomatic.
- They originate from prostate (84%), breast (72%), thyroid (50%), kidney (37%), pancreas (33%), and lung (31%).
- Tumors can involve the bone (80% vertebral body, 20% posterior elements), epidural space, leptomeninges, and spinal cord with 95% of lesions being extradural.
- The thoracic spine is the most common site (70%), followed by lumbar (20%), and cervical (10%).
- Patients most commonly present with back pain but can also develop radicular pain, weakness, and numbness pending compression of the nerves and spinal cord.

Surgical intervention for brain tumors involves biopsy and/or resection of the lesion. Surgery for spine metastases is more varied depending upon the type of tumor and the extent of spinal cord compression. Alternatives to surgical debulking include radiofrequency ablation. Treatment plans may not require neurosurgical intervention and may be accomplished



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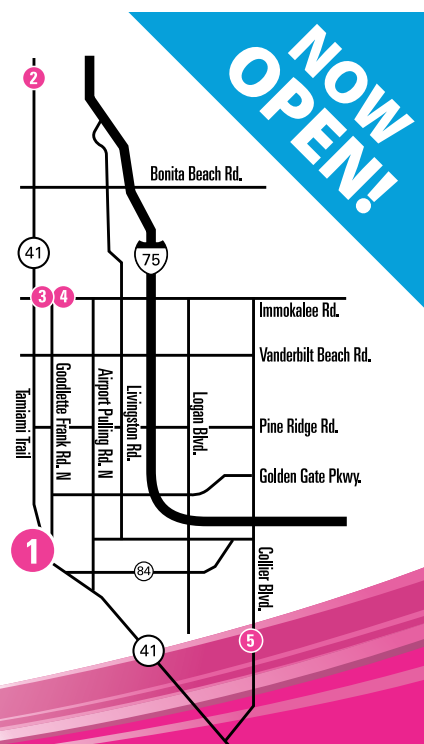
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