

CCMS Board Members 2025-2026



Jose M. Baez, MD - President

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 Univ. of Connecticut's School of Medicine. Dr. Baez has served on numerous hospital committees and medical association boards. He has chaired the CCMS Membership Committee since 2018 and served on the CCMS delegation to the FMA for 10 years. Dr. Baez has completed 7 New York City Marathons and a Chicago Marathon.



Glenn E. Groat, MD - Vice President

Dr. Groat received his undergraduate degree in Kinesiology and Psychology from the Univ. of Colorado at Boulder and his medical degree from the SUNY Upstate Medical Univ. He completed his internship at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital for Diagnostic Radiology and residency in Radiology at SUNY Upstate Medical Univ. 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 - Treasurer

Dr. Grace received her BS in Psychobiology at Univ. of Miami. She completed both a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master in Public Health at Nova Southeastern, residency in internal medicine at Mount Sinai, and gastroenterology fellowship at St. John Macomb Oakland, MI. 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 CCMS member for 10 years, is former chief of medicine at Physicians Regional, past CCMS nominating committee chair, and an FMA delegate since 2021.



Erik D. Hiester, DO - Secretary

Dr. Hiester is board-certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and by the American Board of Family Medicine. He 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. Dr. Hiester completed a family medicine residency in Binghamton, NY, and an interventional pain medicine fellowship at Emory Medical School in Atlanta. He also has a minor in classical piano and is a co-producer of the bi-annual Physicians' Community Talent Show. He is a concierge physician at NCH working with his wife, Karen Hiester, DO.



George Brinnig, MD - Officer/Director at Large

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. Dr. Brinnig enjoys inventing, foreign languages, and travel.



Sonal Sura, MD - Director at Large

Dr. Sura earned her MD at George Washington Univ., was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. After a research fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital, she went on to residency training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, where she also served as Chief Resident. She is board certified in Radiation Oncology and has a Master in Business Administration from the New York Univ. Stern Executive MBA Program. Before relocating to Naples to join GenesisCare, Dr. Sura served as Director of Radiation Oncology at NYC H+H/Elmhurst, NY and Assistant Professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She now practices at Inspire Oncology.



Mazen Albeldawi, MD - Director at Large

Dr. Albeldawi serves as a managing partner and practicing gastroenterologist at Meliora Healthcare, a position he has held since 2023. He obtained his MD from Ross Univ., followed by an Internal Medicine residency and a Gastroenterology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. From 2014 to 2023, he served as Section Head of Gastroenterology at NCH, during which time he also led the endoscopy unit and later chaired the Quality and Patient Safety Committee. Currently, he is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the Univ. of Central Florida College of Medicine and is distinguished as a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology and the American College of Physicians.



Zubin Pachori, MD - Immediate Past 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 Univ. Dr. Pachori received his medical degree from Ross Univ. School of Medicine and completed his residency at Stamford Hospital/Columbia Univ. College of

Physicians and Surgeons Program in Family Medicine, where he served as Chief Resident. He is one of the founders and managing partners of Premier Inpatient Partners, and has been involved with several hospital committees, including Chair of Family Medicine at NCH and Medical Staff Treasurer at Physicians Regional Healthcare System. He holds medical staff privileges at Physicians Regional and NCH and joined the CCMS board in 2019. At home, he enjoys spending time with his two sons and his wife, Dr. Maria Pachori.

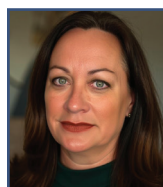
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