



a newsletter for physicians, hospitals & healthcare providers June 9, 2017

Florida Supreme Court Rejects Medical Malpractice Caps

A message from Matt Gracey, Dana Gracey

The Florida Supreme Court's recent overturn of the caps on non-economic damage awards in medical malpractice cases is the final nail in the coffin of tort reforms enacted in 2003. The frequency of lawsuits against doctors and correspondently the premiums for malpractice insurance in Florida since 2003 have dropped on average about 65% and the market has become healthy with many insurers competing for doctors' business. As the premiums have steadily dropped over the last decade and a half many insurers' loss ratios have now increased up to and in many cases over the 100% combined loss ratio mark so most insurers have been needing rate increases to stop mounting losses or thin profit margins. This court action will hasten the anticipated hardening of the marketplace and doctors are sure to see higher prices for their coverage and fewer insurers bidding on their malpractice insurance in the near future. [Click here](#) for full story from the Palm Beach Post.

Legislature Moves Forward With Medical Marijuana Deal

After failing to reach agreement during a regular session that ended last month, Florida legislative leaders have struck a deal to put into effect a voter-approved constitutional amendment that broadly legalized medical marijuana for patients with debilitating illnesses. [Click here](#) to continue reading.

2017 Future of Medicine

Save the date for the 2017 Future of Medicine Conference "The New Reality". It will be held on October 12th & 13th at the Airport Hilton, West Palm Beach. Please call 561-433-3940 for sponsorship information.

Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Opportunities!

Palm Beach County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) needs medical, health and support volunteers. To attend an upcoming orientation and learn more about how you can join the Palm Beach County MRC, please email John James at johnj@pbcms.org or call 561-433-3940 ex. 118.

Thank you!

Congratulations to Henry Haire, MD for recruiting 5 new PBCMS members!

ALERTPBC

Palm Beach County's Emergency Notification System is used to notify you about

imminent threats to health and safety. Administrators send notifications regarding severe weather, flooding, gas leaks; police activity; and more. To sign up, [click here](#).

PHYSICIANS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

With summer here we have pre-med students looking for shadowing/mentoring opportunities. We receive daily inquiries and don't have enough volunteer physicians to help. To learn more about how you can help our future physicians please email deannal@pbcms.org or call Deanna Lessard (561) 433-3940 ext. 105.

Caduceus

Within Café and Bookstore will be holding AA Meetings for Medical Professionals beginning June 6th at 8:15. Meetings will be held every Wednesday at 8:15 at the Shoppes of Atlantis 5865 South Congress Ave. Lantana, FL 33462.

Stay up to date on the latest on Congressional Health Reform

[Click here](#) for Kaiser Health News, a nonprofit news service committed to in-depth coverage of health care policy and politics. They report on how the health care system — hospitals, doctors, nurses, insurers, governments, consumers — works.

Female Physicians

Are you a female physician in active practice looking to network and enjoy social and educational programs with other female physicians? If so please email Dr. Leslie Perla at lperla@gastrohealth.com or Deanna Lessard deannal@pbcms.org

Upcoming PBCMS Events

Health Care Connection Luncheon

PBCMS will host “**Getting Social....Leveraging Social Media in Healthcare**” presented by Cheryl Anders & Mike Giambattista of Acevedo Consulting, Inc. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the West Palm Beach Marriott - 1001 Okeechobee Blvd, WPB, FL 33401. \$25 PBCMS & MGMA Members \$35 Non-Members and Staff. Register on line at www.pbcms.org or call 433-3940 ext. 105.

Upcoming Community Events

CME and CEU Program's

The Management of High Risk GI Patients on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 5:30-8:00pm at The Club at Admirals Cove, 200 Admirals Cove Blvd, Jupiter, FL 33477. Please RSVP by email Brianne.Paterno@jupitermed.com or call 561-263-3477.

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Atlantic University will be hosting Certified Medical Business Management Classes beginning June 14- August 16, 2017 at the Boca Raton Campus. For more information please contact Robert Munoz by email Rmunoz@fau.edu or call 561-297-2571.

FAU Anne Boykin Institute for the Advancement of Caring in Nursing will be hosting a summer academy "Interprofessional Partnerships Grounded in Caring Science." For more information [click here](#).

Classifieds

Physician Needed

Seeking BC/BE FP, Urgent Care, ER physician to work with all ages, in brand new state-of-the-art Urgent Care Center in Wellington, Florida. 3-4 12 hour shifts/week, comp. salary, excellent benefits. FL lic. preferred. Contact Karen DeSimone – (941) 745-7232

Job Openings

Palm Beach Research is looking for a FL licensed Physician for a part time research project. Please contact Judy Dunn, RN, MPH at jdunn@careersourcepb.com or 561-371-5326.

Physician Needed

Fred Eaglstein, DO a board-certified dermatologist and MOHS surgeon recently passed away in Jacksonville. His family is looking for a fulltime MOHS surgeon to work in practice during this transition. Please call Pamela Matthews at 904-945-6845 if you are interested.

Open Positions for Psychiatrist and Staff Physician

FoundCare is looking for a Staff Physician. For confidential consideration, please email your CV/resume and salary requirements to mmachonis@foundcare.org or call 561-472-9160 ext. 212 or by fax 561-868-5652.

Office Space for Rent

Office space for rent. Central location in Palm Beach County near Good Samaritan Hospital. Will build to suit: approximately 1000 sq. ft. on the First Floor. If interested, please contact 561-655-9055 and speak with Samantha for more information.

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Fully furnished office space for rent with medical equipment. Ideal for Ob/Gyn or PCP. Central location in Palm Beach County near Okeechobee Blvd and I-95. 4 exam rooms. Business office. Doctor offices. Break room. 2 restrooms. If interested, please contact 561-434-6796 for more information.

Office Space for Sublease

On St. Mary's Campus. 5305 Greenwood Ave., Suite 202 WPB. Three exam rooms and large physician's office with wheelchair access. Available 2 to 3 days per week. Contact 561-841-8545 for more information.

Don't miss out - Only 1 fully functional Medical Office unit still available for lease in West Palm Beach

This large suite encompasses 4600 sq. ft. with 7 exam rooms, a large reception/medical records area, lab area, 2 nurses stations and a full lead lined X-Ray room. This building is close to I-95 and is centrally located. Ask us about the optional use of our 3000 sq. ft., ACHA certified and fully accredited Outpatient Surgery Center. Plenty of parking available and possible move-in incentives. Contact Candy Steiding at 561-968-7111 or candy@plasticsurgerypb.com for further information.

Needed New or Gently Used Medical Equipment

Clinics Can Help (CCH), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2005, gratefully accepts donations of new or gently used medical equipment which we clean and when necessary refurbish and provides it to convalescing or chronically ill children and adults in Palm Beach County. To inquire about donating medical equipment or supplies or for more information about CCH call 561.640.2995 today or go to www.clinicscanhelp.org.