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MEMBER
Spotlight



Stefan Pasternack, MD

Dr. Pasternack is a Board-Certified Psychiatrist and Psychoanalyst in private practice in Boca Raton. After 35 years of clinical work in the Department of Psychiatry at Georgetown University Medical Center, Dr. Pasternack relocated to Florida in 2005 and resumed private practice. Dr. Pasternack is on the faculty of the Florida Psychoanalytic Center and is Affiliate Clinical Professor at Charles E Schmidt College of Medicine at FAU. He has special interests in professional stress, mood, anxiety disorders and personality disorders. Dr. Pasternack is the Chair of the PBCMS Physician Wellness Program and a member of the PBCMS Board of Directors.

2017 Annual Starfish & Snowflake Gala



Save the Date

The Starfish and Snowflake Gala is the Annual Installation of the Palm Beach County Medical Society leadership and a fundraiser for Palm Beach County Medical Society Services programs including Project Access. The event will be held at the Kravis Center, December 2, 2016, 6:30pm.

Brandon Luskin, MD will be installed as the 2018 Palm Beach County Medical Society President. Shawn Baca, MD, 2017 President, will be honored. [Click here](#) for sponsorship opportunities.

PBCMS 2017 Excellence in Medicine Award

The PBCMS *Excellence in Medicine Award*, the highest honor awarded by the Society, recognizes Palm Beach County Medical Society members whose lives encompass the true spirit of being a physician. The award will be presented to a physician who exemplifies the highest values of altruism, compassion, leadership and dedication to patient care. The Honoree will be inducted into the PBCMS Hall of Fame. The award will be presented at the PBCMS Installation Gala, December 2, 2017. [Click here](#) for nomination form. Any auxiliary biographical material in electronic or hard copy attachments **must be limited to 3 typed pages**. *Nominations must be received by 5pm, Friday, November 10, 2017.* Email complete nomination forms to tennaw@pbcms.org.

Festival of Trees

This year's Starfish and Snowflake Gala will feature our 3rd Annual Festival of Trees and Lights Display. Designers, Friends of the Society and local businesses will display an amazing array of beautifully adorned Pine and Palm Trees. You can participate by purchasing an artificial 4 ft. pre-lit tree for only \$35. Decorating ideas and complete details can be found by clicking here or call Deanna Lessard at (561) 433-3940 ext. 105. There are a limited number of trees available so [click here](#) to purchase your tree today!

FDA Panel Recommends Approval Of New Opioid Addiction Treatment Tested By Jacksonville Doctor

The medication Buprenorphine has been around for years. It's more well-known as the brand name tablets of Suboxone. It's a chemical that blocks opioid receptors in the brain and it's used to wean people off the more highly addictive painkillers. The medical community has been split on how well that medication works in the long term. Some see its use as just replacing one addiction for another. [Click here](#) to continue reading the full story at Health News Florida.

Help Hurricane Affected Communities

PBCMS shipped 632 survival kits to Puerto Rico via PB Cares. PBCMS is accepting donations for hurricane affected communities. Drop off items at the PBCMS office located at 3540 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 101, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. *We are not accepting donations of clothing, food, glass containers, medical supplies.* [Click here](#) for a list of recommended items. Contact Karen Harwood 561-433-3940 x122 with any questions.

Palm Beach County Cares

Palm Beach County Cares is hosting "Rescue is Real" to rescue and restore the people of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands devastated by Hurricane Maria. The event will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 5 to 7pm at Bear Lakes Country Club, 1901 Village Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33409. To register for this event please visit www.unitedwaypbc.org/events

CME Requirements for Relicensure

The Florida Department of Health in conjunction with the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine sets the CME requirements for physician licensure in Florida. Each Board specifies a certain number of hours, including a few mandatory topics, that must be completed within each two year license term. Half of Florida allopathic (MD) licenses expire January 31st of every even-numbered year and the other half expire January 31st of every odd-numbered year. All osteopathic (DO) licenses expire March 31st of every even numbered year. Visit www.FLhealthSource.gov to verify a Florida license or confirm a licensure expiration date. Choose Licensee/Provider, then License Verification.

Open Enrollment for the ACA Health Insurance Coverage is Now!

It will be a Shorter Enrollment Period: From Nov 1- Dec 15, 2017. If you are uninsured or need help with re-enrollment or shop for a new health plan, please contact Aramis Labarga, our onsite Licensed Navigator, at (561) 568-3203 or visit www.enrollpbandtc.org to find a Navigator or Certified Application Assistor near you.

Doctors Can Have Say On Managed Care Plans

State Medicaid officials are soliciting physicians to share their experiences with Medicaid managed-care plans by Nov. 20. The [Agency for Health Care Administration](#) is in middle of a procurement process for health plans to serve Medicaid beneficiaries in 11 regions of the state. As part of that process, the agency is slated to post the names of plans that replied to an "invitation to negotiate" by Nov. 3. It wants physicians to answer a questionnaire about what it's like to work with them. The responses will be taken into consideration when the state is scoring the proposals. AHCA will post its intent to award contracts on April 16.

PBCMS Events

Health Care Connection

Palm Beach County Medical Society & Palm Beach Medical Group Management Association will be hosting "Protecting your Practice from Cyber Criminals, Hackers & Breaches" presented by: Peter Verlezza, SMB Networks, LLC" Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Atlantis CC – 190 Atlantis Blvd, Atlantis, FL 33462. [Click here](#) to register online.

Community Events

Jupiter Medical Center CME's

Jupiter Medical Center will be hosting "Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer" on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 8:30am-12:00pm at the Double Tree Executive Meeting Center, Palm Beach Gardens located at 4431 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. For more information contact Brianne Paterno by email Brianne.Paterno@jupitermed.com or by phone (561) 263-3477.

MIPS Workshop

Acevedo Consulting and the Broward County Medical Association will be hosting a full day workshop "**MIPS – How to Succeed in 2017... or at least not get penalized**" on Wednesday, November 15th - 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at Keiser University in Fort Lauderdale. This event, approved for 5 AAPC CEU's, will not only focus on MIPS for 2017, but also discussion about how to prepare for success in 2018. This is an event you don't want to miss! For more information or to register [click here](#).

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs is seeking to hire physicians to review cases for Level of Care determination for our clients in accordance with Florida Administrative Code Section 59G4.290 and 59G-4.180. Currently we have a vacancy at 4400 N. Congress Avenue Suite 102 West Palm Beach, FL 33407. For more information contact Nancy Partin Regional Program Supervisor/Region 4 Department of Elder Affairs/CARES partinn@elderaffairs.org or call 561-840-3158.

Physician Needed

Palm Glades Rural Health Associates, Inc. is looking for a retired Pediatrician or Internist/Family Medicine Physician to work a couple of days a month at their clinic. This is a paid position with

flexible hours serving the most vulnerable population in PBC. If you are interested please contact Keith Hurbs, CEO at Palm Glades Rural Health 561-992-4888

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