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President's Message



Jason M. Goldman, MD FACP

One of the most important things we can do for advocacy is to participate in the process, which includes meeting with our elected officials and making them aware of how their actions can affect our profession and our patients. I had the privilege, once again, of taking residents with me to Tallahassee to meet with our state legislature. This past week was quite busy as we saw over fifteen members of the House and Senate. The key to advocacy is understanding who you are talking to and what the political motivations are. Regardless of party, we can always find common ground to start from.

There are several issues ahead for the 2020 session that we will be following and advocating for on your behalf. Next week, the House Health Quality Committee will debate HB 389, which would allow pharmacists to diagnose and treat influenza and strep. It is obvious to physicians that pharmacists are not trained in how to fully evaluate a patient, determine a differential diagnosis, or understand the potential outcomes of wrong treatment or misdiagnosis. We will be opposing this expansion of scope of practice proposal to ensure the safety of our patients. We know that the practice of medicine is more than running a test and giving a pill. At the same committee, however, we will be supporting HB 309, which reserves titles, such

as "cardiologist" and "anesthesiologist", historically used by physicians, to allopathic and osteopathic physicians only. If passed, this will prevent non physicians from referring to themselves as ologists.

In addition to the above issues, we have actively been opposing expected Scope of Practice expansions by nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and pharmacists, as well as promoting bills that will require PBM transparency and further restrictions on Step Therapy (HB 561 and SB 820 were the bills filed this week on these subjects).

It is critical that everyone gets involved as we will most assuredly be facing scope of practice expansion again this session and this can prove quite harmful to the practice of medicine and the patients. From in person visits to phone calls to helping with campaigns; there are plenty of opportunities for grassroots advocacy. I was exceptionally pleased with the reception we received from the majority of the elected officials and it is good to know that we have many supporters and friends in state government who continue to respect and value their physicians. I am proud of our residents who did an exceptional job presenting the issues in Tallahassee. While we may not always succeed on every issue before us, we will continue to advocate and be part of the process. Please become involved and continue to work for our profession.

Special thanks goes to the Florida Chapter ACP delegation resident physicians Juan A. Dorado MD, Madeline R. Fasen DO, and Brian Toston DO led by myself President/Governor Jason M. Goldman MD FACP, along with Dawn Moerings and Chris Nuland. Thank you for your efforts!

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2020 Pre-Session Legislative Visitation

November 5—6, 2019

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RESIDENTS REFLECTIONS ON THEIR EXPERIENCE



Thanks for the opportunity to participate in FL ACP Health Policy Advocacy days at the FL Capitol. This was a great opportunity for us to meet our legislators, talk to them, discuss those topics, and educate our representatives and their staff in our daily healthcare issues that have an impact on the healthcare system and most importantly on patient care. As residents, most of us have no idea about the legislative agenda on healthcare issues, and this was a great chance to become involved in healthcare advocacy and bring a face and action to those topics. Thank you.

~Juan Dorado, MD

This was an amazing experience for patient and physician advocacy and an excellent opportunity to develop relationships within congressional offices that directly affect how we practice medicine.

~Madeline Fasen, DO

This was my second trip to Tallahassee with FL ACP as part of their advocacy and health policy program. The world of advocacy is one of discussion on what policy best suits both our patient and the practice of medicine. This experience with FL ACP has instilled in me the continued quest to advocate not just for our patients at the bedside but also through legislation. I thank everyone who was able to participate but especially Dawn Moerings, Chris Nuland, Jason Goldman M.D. and residents who made this a memorable experience!

~Brian Toston, DO

The Florida Delegation Meets with State Legislators



The Florida Delegation meets with Representative Ralph Massullo, MD



The Florida Delegation meets with Representative J.W. Grant

The Florida Delegation meets with Representative Dan Daley

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The Florida Delegation meets with Representative Lorraine Ausley



The Florida Delegation meets with Senator Gary Farmer, Jr

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The Florida Delegation meets with Representative Mike Gottlieb



The Florida Delegation meets with Senator Kevin Rader

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The Florida Delegation meets with Senator Gayle Harrell



The Florida Delegation meets with Senator Lori Berman

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The Florida Delegation meets with Representative Tina Polsky



The Florida Delegation meets with Representative Daniel Perez



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