



# Florida Urological Society Summer 2010 Pre-Con E-Newsletter

August 10, 2010

## Plan to Attend!

**62nd FUS Annual Meeting  
September 2 - 5, 2010  
Loews Portofino Bay Hotel  
Orlando, FL**

**We invite all Florida Practice Managers, NPPs and Urologists to attend.**  
Visit the FUS website, [www.flaurological.org](http://www.flaurological.org), for meeting/registration information!

### President's Message

Michael J. Wehle, MD

On behalf of the Florida Urological Society, I would like to invite you to attend the 62nd annual meeting of the FUS. We have selected the wonderful location of the Loews Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando.

We are very fortunate to have Vincent Bird, MD, from the University of Miami as our scientific program chairman. Details of our scientific program are outlined in his adjoining message, as well as in the rest of this brochure and online at [www.flaurological.org](http://www.flaurological.org). In addition to the excellent scientific program, we are also planning a strong socioeconomic forum which includes the following:

B. Thomas Brown, MD, past FUS and past SES president, who will give an AACU/State Society update; Earl Walz, MBA, speaking on the topic of challenges for group practice in the future; William Gee, MD, speaking about reimbursement and other issues facing urologists; Mark Painter of PRS Urology SC giving a coding update; an AUA Health Policy Update by Martin Dineen, MD, past FUS president and past SES president.

We also welcome all guest speakers including Dr. Thomas Polascik of Duke University, Dr. Joseph Smith of Vanderbilt University, Dr. Mostafa Elhilali, of Royal Victoria Hospital, Dr. Robert G. Ferrigni of the Mayo Clinic Department of Urology, and Dr. Raju Thomas of Tulane University Health Services, and current president of the Southeastern Section of the AUA.

**The "General Urology for the NPP and the Allied Health Team" program will be held on Friday, September 3, 2010, concurrent to the annual meeting.** The Board of Directors of the FUS is extremely committed to providing needed education for physician extenders as a

breakout during the 2010 FUS Meeting as well as future meetings. We encourage FUS members to register their NP's or PA's for the program. We have also taken it one step further, and are offering each FUS active member who has paid 2010 dues and has registered for the FUS 2010 Meeting one complimentary registration for a NP or PA. Each FUS active member is only able to sponsor one NP/PA.

The Orlando area boasts some of the world's most famous theme parks, as well as beautiful state parks and museums and excellent dining and shopping. Other social activities at this year's meeting will include golf, a Welcome Luncheon Friday afternoon, a Welcome Reception on Friday night, and our Annual Banquet on Saturday with dinner and entertainment.

I encourage you and your families to attend this informative and interesting meeting. We are fortunate to have a strong urologic community and our continued success is dependent on your support for these meetings.

## 2010 Annual Industry Partners

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### **Are Your Vendors Industry Partners?**

The Florida Urological Society is now offering industry partnerships. We are currently seeking industry partners who share our commitment to growth and excellence in the field of urology in the state of Florida. The purpose of the membership will be to openly discuss the goals of the state society and identify initiatives that are closely aligned with those of our industry partners. This knowledge will enable us to work in tandem throughout the year on projects to improve the quality of patient care. This partnership also allows for many marketing opportunities for additional exposure throughout the meeting.

If you have vendors you do regular business with, ask them to become a partner. Thank you for your help!

### **Program Committee Report** Vincent G. Bird, MD

The 2010 FUS annual meeting is fast approaching. It will be held at the renowned Loews Portofino Bay Hotel in Orlando, Florida over Labor Day weekend, September 2 – 5, 2010. This forthcoming meeting, which stands in the tradition of a series of exceptional and well-

attended FUS meetings, promises to have a broad appeal to community urologists, residents, allied health care providers and academic urologists alike. Focused around the broad theme of state-of-the-art, evidence-based patient care, this meeting will address a number of topics that include prostate cancer, female urology, and benign prostatic hypertrophy. We will also explore other challenging issues that present to urologists, such as chronic orchalgia and urethral stricture disease.

Distinguished guest speakers addressing these issues include Joseph A. Smith, Jr., MD, Vanderbilt University (prostate cancer), Mostafa M. Elhilali, MD, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal (benign prostatic hypertrophy), and Thomas J. Polascik, Duke University (prostate cancer, focal therapy). This year's prestigious Segura Lecture will be delivered by Joseph A. Smith, Jr., MD.

William F. Gee, MD, Mark Painter, Martin K. Dineen, MD, and Earl Walz, MBA will all take part the socioeconomic forum.

As a continuation from last year's meeting, we will again present an opening session "Best Evidence in Urology 2010," where recognized experts will present the most important and clinically relevant research studies across a number of major topic areas. Further state-of-the-art lectures, expert panel discussions and interactive case discussions will feature distinguished Florida urologists from the community, as well as faculty members from the state's four academic institutions. These sessions are planned in such a way as to provide abundant opportunity for active audience participation and discussion. Meanwhile, the tradition of the popular and educational resident debates and the Milton Coplan Pyelogram Hour will continue.

These educational activities will be accompanied by a number of social events that together will provide ample opportunity for intellectual exchange, social networking, and time to meet friends both old and new.

Save the date, September 2 - 5 2010, for the FUS 2010 Annual Meeting - see you soon in Orlando!

## **NEW ADDITION TO THE FUS ANNUAL MEETING!**

### **"General Urology for the NPP and the Allied Health Team"**

Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Extenders are encouraged to attend!

*NPP's are becoming an integral part of the urological team. The Florida Urological Society is proud to offer NPP specific educational opportunities, taught by experienced, seasoned NPP's and physicians. This year's offerings will include courses in genitourinary oncology, benign urological diseases and first-assisting in the OR. Please join us for this exciting educational event!*

### **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

Terrence C. Regan, MD

The fund balance for FUS as of June 30, 2010 is \$321,229. The funds are in a JP Morgan Chase account that has not been subject to market losses seen elsewhere. We had \$90,710 in income this year, with about one third from dues and contributions and the other two thirds from the annual meeting. Our expenses this year through April 30, 2009 are \$58,845.

We therefore have an operating surplus of \$31,865.

The Florida Urological Society has 405 dues-paying members. As our annual meeting date draws closer, I want to encourage everyone to attend. The meeting has developed into an excellent scientific program. It is also a critical forum for networking to advance urology in Florida. In addition, industry considers our meeting as one of the most important venues in the nation for interacting with urologists to promote state-of-the-art urologic care. All of these characteristics make this meeting one not to miss!

## FUS Proposed Bylaws Changes

FUS Members,

Please [Click Here](#) to view the proposed bylaws changes that will be voted on at the upcoming Annual Business Meeting - please plan to attend!

### News from the Florida Medical Association

T. Johnson Ross, MD

As a delegate to the FMA from the FUS for several years, I have grown to appreciate the importance of belonging and supporting the FMA. As an individual society we have very little clout but we can have a much stronger voice through the FMA. The Specialty Society Section of the FMA gives us the opportunity to discuss our concerns with other specialists and initiate proposed solutions and resolutions to the governing body of the FMA. In contrast to the AMA, the FMA has been an effective voice for all physicians in Florida.

The FUS is eligible for three delegates and three alternate delegates to the Specialty Society Section of the FMA. The current delegates are Alan Miller and myself and the alternate delegates are Paul Bretton, Neal Dunn and Tom Stringer. I should also mention that Kevin Lee, who had been one of our delegates for many years until recently, has provided reliable and effective representation for our society. Dr. Miller and I will be attending the FMA meeting in August as FUS delegates. Also the FUS is eligible to send a representative to the FMA Board of Governors since 51% of our FUS members belong to the FMA.

Periodically new FMA delegates are selected and I encourage you to contact me or another member of the FUS nominating committee if you are interested in getting involved as a FUS representative to the FMA. Both the FUS and the FMA deserve our continued support as we face the new challenges to our profession and our patients. I hope to see you at our annual FUS meeting in September.

### FUS State Affairs Update

Ross Weber, State Affairs Manager

Florida urologists, their patients and practices successfully navigated the legislature's 2010 regular session. In an atmosphere rendered especially toxic by surprises from Governor Charlie Crist (I) and a full slate of elections, legislators ended the year April 30 voting to approve a \$70.4 billion budget. The plan boosts spending 5.7 percent over current levels and includes \$28.5 billion in health care expenditures, the costliest category.

A wide-ranging transformation of Florida's Medicaid failed to garner sufficient support as

the session closed. The Senate proposed an expansion of the state's current five-county managed care pilot program, while the House preferred to move the entire Medicaid population of 2.7 million beneficiaries into managed care over five years. Both plans drew skepticism from Governor Crist and rather than risk his veto, advocates will revisit these proposals next year. The Medicaid budget itself increased 9.35 percent as a result of increased caseloads, but hospital inpatient and outpatient rates suffered a 7 percent cut.

The practice of medicine overcame serious threats in the defeat of measures that would have undercut physicians' use of binding arbitration agreements and the wrongful death exemption in medical malpractice cases. A proposal to prevent physicians from collecting full payment from out-of-network PPO patients also failed. A wholesale reorganization of the Department of Health that included moving the Board of Medicine under the jurisdiction of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation was defeated, as was a more sound proposal to transfer the responsibility for the Prostate Cancer Awareness Program to the University of Florida Prostate Disease Center. Medical malpractice insurance premiums will continue to be exempt from any emergency assessment levied by the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund for three more years, saving physicians thousands of dollars in the event that the fund incurs a deficit.

In addition to heated contests for U.S. Senate, Governor, Attorney General and the entire cabinet, 41 seats in the Florida Legislature are deemed "open" this year. Neither chamber will likely change hands given the Republican Party's commanding majorities, thus ensuring GOP control of the redistricting process. The basis of how those lines will be drawn is the subject of at least two ballot initiatives subject to voters' approval. A constitutional amendment to prohibit the government from compelling someone to carry health insurance was approved by the legislature, but is being challenged in the courts. Even if that measure finds its way onto the ballot, analysts question its efficacy given the federal government's supremacy over state law.

The final months of 2010 will lay the ground work for bills that will cross legislators' desks in 2011. Rest assured that the AACU State Society Network will monitor, advocate and inform you on important developments from Tallahassee that impact your patients and practice.



**FUS 2010 Annual Meeting**

**There is still time to register!**

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## **Mark Your Calendars!**

**FUS 2011 Annual Meeting**  
September 1 - 4, 2011 Hyatt  
Regency Coconut Point  
Bonita Springs, Florida

## **Plan to Attend!**

SESAUA 75th Annual  
Meeting March 17 - 20, 2011  
Marriott New Orleans  
New Orleans, Louisiana