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FUS 67th Annual Meeting

September 3 - 6, 2015
Loews Portofino Bay Hotel
Orlando, Florida

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The [67th Annual Meeting of the Florida Urological Society](#) is rapidly approaching. It seems that we just finished another great meeting in Miami last year.



This year's meeting will be held September 3rd to the 6th at Loews Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando. This always-popular property will host the Florida Urological Society Annual Meeting for the second time.

We are excited about this year's meeting and look forward to another outstanding academic meeting and the opportunity to renew friendships and exchange ideas with colleagues. If you have never attended an FUS meeting, this will be a great year to come see the academic quality of our meeting and experience all that Universal and Orlando have to offer with your family.

The [scientific session](#) of this year's meeting is being organized by Dr. Vip Patel from Celebration, Florida. Dr. Patel has worked hard to put together an outstanding program. I'm sure you will enjoy hearing the point of view of the presenters and will hear ideas that will challenge your current views. Every year I hear lectures that make me re-evaluate the way I practice. The exchange of ideas and debates can only benefit our patients. The academic portion of the Florida Urological Society Meeting has evolved into a robust state-of-the-art program. This year will continue that tradition.

As always, there will be a significant resident presence with the Milton Coplan Pyelogram Hour and the Victor Politano Resident Debates. The Socioeconomic portion of the program will include discussions of ICD-10 and a look at the growing emphasis on quality in medicine. If you haven't already, I encourage you to [register](#) for this meeting. This will be an FUS meeting you will not want to miss.

We look forward to seeing you in Orlando this September to enjoy academic meeting and the social events. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as president of the FUS and I look forward to continued participation with you all in the society.

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Program Chair's Message

Vipul R. Patel, MD, FACS

Greetings!

We are pleased to invite you join us in beautiful Orlando, Florida for the 67th Annual Meeting of the Florida Urological Society!

Please join us in learning from our world class faculty, meeting your colleagues and enjoying the family experience of the FUS.

This [meeting](#) continues to grow in prestige each year and to improve annually with the valuable input of our esteemed faculty and members. Last year's meeting was an overwhelming success and we hope that this year's meeting continues to build on the tradition of excellence.

Our scientific program committee has created an [exemplary program](#) full of state-of-the-art lectures, updates in urology and expert panels to help address all of the diverse topics in urology. We hope this program will be valuable to all urologists, whether they are in academia or private practice.

Our national faculty are leaders in the field and will provide you with the most up to date knowledge. Many of them you know very well including: Dr. Peter Carroll, Dr. Eric Klein, Dr. David Albala and Dr. Chandru Sundaram.

This year we have the pleasure of bringing you informative sessions covering andrology and sexual dysfunction, pediatric urology, lower tract benign disease, kidney and adrenal disease, bladder cancer and advanced prostate cancer. We are also pleased this year to bring the FUS lectures on emerging technology focused on genomics and MRI Fusion biopsy and focal therapy.

An annual highlight of the scientific program is the socioeconomic forum that focuses on critical issues for practicing urologists. This year we will include sessions on changes in Medicare, Health Policy/ACU, Florida Prostate Cancer Advisory Council and ICD-10.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- **Break out video sessions for surgical procedures: How the experts do it**
- **Break out genomic session, reviewing all the new biomarkers and their uses and efficacy**
- **Break out MRI/US Fusion bx and focal therapy course**

This year's program promises to be an exciting one and aims to set a new standard for providing effective and valuable education to our members. I hope that you will support us with your attendance, and we promise you a valuable learning experience and fun social program.

I look forward to seeing everyone Labor Day weekend, and I hope that you enjoy all that Orlando has to offer!



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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Rolando Rivera, MD

It is my distinct honor to serve as your secretary/treasurer for the Florida Urological Society for the current year. We are very much looking forward to a very strong and exciting fall meeting under the leadership of Dr. Young and a fantastic scientific program organized by Dr. Patel.

Financially, we are solid. Our funds exceed \$370,000. Our annual meeting membership along with industry support bolsters our financial stability. It is imperative that we maintain our strong support of the society and we urge all of you to participate in all the activities as well as in the annual meeting. Our nominating committee has made a call for participation, and I would encourage all of you to consider this very fulfilling challenge or encourage your colleagues to do so.

Many of you recently read the AUA census on the urology work force. Here follows a selected excerpt from it. I believe you will find some of the data interesting:

- The states with the highest number of practicing urologists include California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas.
- More than half of the identified 11,703 practicing urologists in the United States are over the age of 53 and nearly 23 percent are aged 65 years or older.
- Sixty-four percent of practicing urologists in the U.S. work in private practice and one-third (33.9 percent) practice in institutional settings such as hospitals or academic medical centers. Of the group in private practice, more than one third (34.47 percent) belong to single urology specialty groups and 17.4 percent belong to a multispecialty groups.
- Practicing urologists aged 45 or older are statistically more likely to be in private practice.
- Practicing urologists below the age of 45 are more likely to be employed by other entities (e.g., hospitals or health systems).
- The median number of hours that practicing urologists work per week is 55. Nearly 30 percent of urologists report working more than 60 hours per week.
- The median number of patients that U.S. urologists seen in a week is 80.
- Higher percentages of females are observed in the younger age groups of practicing urologists (< 45 years of age), suggesting that a growing number of females are entering the urologic workforce in the United States.

We have 603 total members in the Florida Urological Society, of which 406 are active and 139 are senior members. Florida has the ability to continue to grow in its reach and influence within the SES and the AUA by growing our membership. But that can only be done with your continued support. We need to encourage our partners and associates to join and participate. We must remain organized and be strong, as an increasingly united and vocal front. I look forward to our [meeting in September](#).

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News from Florida Medical Association

Neal P. Dunn, MD, FACS

The Florida Medical Association's mission is to "Help Physicians Practice Medicine." The FMA is proud of its close relationship with the FUS which has one of the highest co-membership shares of all specialties. The role of the FMA is to provide education, CME, numerous practice services, and perhaps most importantly, advocate for patients and physicians in front of all branches of the government and the media.

Health care has become the largest single expense of the state and federal governments and is the single largest industry in America. One in eight Americans are employed in the health care industry. Every political leader and every large employer has a laser focus on health care policy and delivery. Lost in the deluge of trillions of dollars, innumerable regulations, and vast bureaucracies are our patients and the single group that is actually able to understand what constitutes quality medical care - the physicians. As physicians and surgeons, we can no longer watch the policy process from the sidelines. Our patients' health, our health, and the future for our children's health demand our close engagement with the fashioning of health care policy.

The FMA has long been the principal voice in Florida for patients and physicians in front of the legislature and executive branches of government. We are recognized annually as one of the most effective and powerful voices in Tallahassee during the legislative session, and 2015 has been no exception. The session ended in a most surprising way this year with the Senate and the House beginning to reach agreement on their single largest budget item - health care. This set us up for a Special Session beginning June 1 that is dedicated wholly to the health care budget. Every line item that contributes to that expense is on the table. The potential for a punishing mêlée is very real and the FMA will be in the thick of it. We will always be there to protect our patients, protect the quality of medical care, and to help physicians practice medicine.

There are many key issues that could save money and protect quality of care such as team-based medical care, and devising an operable, safe way to deliver and regulate telemedicine in Florida. Streamlining our interactions with payers could also save time and dollars. We have advocated for these in prior years, but met resistance from those who would trade away quality for cost.

As I write this, the battle is yet to be joined. As you read it, we should know more about the outcome of this battle. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and celebrating success for your patients and your practices together then.

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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!

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