



Florida Urological Society

2017 Pre-Convention Summer Newsletter

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FUS 69th Annual Meeting

August 31 - September 3, 2017
 JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes
 Orlando, Florida

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President's Message

Rolando Rivera, MD, FACS

Dear colleagues and friends,

We are promptly approaching our **annual gathering**. As always, this is a premium opportunity to spend Labor Day weekend with family, friends, and colleagues, all while earning CME through academic and socioeconomic activities featuring thought leaders from many spheres in urology.



This year, Dr. Trushar Patel and Dr. David Hernandez are organizing an academic and scientific program, which will be second to none.

- We have superb faculty from both our communities, state, and across the nation who will share thoughts on most aspects of urological care.
- Our socioeconomic forum will be informative and add to our logistical armamentarium to continue tackling the ever-changing landscape of healthcare in America.
- We also have multiple social events planned to round out what we think will be an outstanding meeting.

This year it is our society's honor to present Dr. Jorge Lockhart the 2017 Florida Urological Society Lifetime Achievement Award for his illustrious career and contributions to our specialty, not only in our state, but internationally.

The **JW Marriot Orlando Grande Lakes** is a beautiful facility located in the heart of Orlando and situated next to its sister facility, The Ritz Carlton Orlando. It has top-notch amenities. Its golf course is a Greg Norman design and was host to the PGA tour PNC Father-Son challenge. The hotel has a first-class spa facility, expansive pools, and many restaurants.

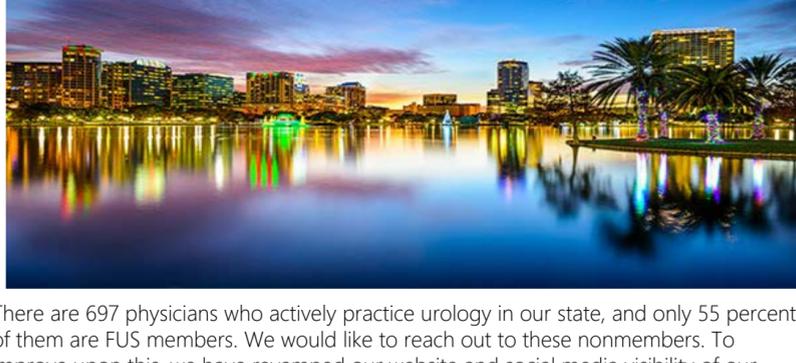
I extend you my warmest invitation to our meeting. It has been a very gratifying experience to serve as your president, and I look forward to seeing many of you again and getting acquainted with more new colleagues in Orlando.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Kevin Lee, MD, FACS

I am extremely honored to serve as the FUS Secretary/Treasurer alongside the board and committee members. It is a pleasure to work with colleagues who are leaders in our field and seek the same goals and visions within our state.

Financially, our society remains secure with our funds growing every year, albeit by small increments. We have more than \$400,000 in our account and started to spend some of the funds to support future leaders in our fields by funding residents and medical students. Our membership roster, **annual scientific meeting**, and support from industry remain the cornerstones to the continued financial success of this society. We will need continued attention in all three realms for the financial success of our society, and our board of directors is working hard in that regard.



There are 697 physicians who actively practice urology in our state, and only 55 percent of them are FUS members. We would like to reach out to these nonmembers. To improve upon this, we have revamped our website and social media visibility of our society and members.

Having practiced my entire postgraduate career in Florida, I have seen a great deal of changes, but one constant has been FUS. It has garnered enduring friendships with other members of the society and great scientific meetings. We welcome the membership to remain engaged and for everyone to be energized to further our mission. Thank you for the continued support to the FUS. We look forward to seeing you at JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes for our 2017 annual meeting.

This year's program directors, Drs. David Hernandez and Trushar Patel, along with Dr. Rolando Rivera, have put together a **stellar program** I think everybody should appreciate. It truly takes a lot of work to put a program like this together. For those of you who are NP/PA, Dr. Parekattil will have another fine program for you as well. We hope to see you at the meeting and encourage you to participate in all the FUS has to offer Florida urologists and their physician extenders.

Program Chairs' Message

David J. Hernandez, MD (Co-Chair); Trushar Patel, MD (Co-Chair)

Greetings!

On behalf of the Florida Urological Society, we invite you to join us at the 69th Annual Meeting of the FUS.

As your 2017 FUS program chairs, our purpose is to deliver a wonderful opportunity to engage with world class faculty, meet up with colleagues (old and new), and enjoy the family experience of the FUS to you.



The FUS annual meeting continues to increase in magnitude and prestige thanks to the dedication of our faculty and members.

Our scientific program committee has created an **exemplary program** full of state-of-the-art lectures, updates in urology, and expert panels to address a wide variety of topics. Our program is valuable to all urologists, whether in academia or private practice.

Our national faculty consists of well-known leaders in the field. This year, we will have the honor of hearing from Drs. Matthew Nielsen, Brian Matlaga, Howard Goldman, Allen Morey, and Alex Kutikov.

In addition to our esteemed faculty, we have the pleasure of bringing you informative sessions covering robotics, endourology, oncology, andrology and sexual dysfunction, and reconstructive and female urology. We are also pleased to present our socioeconomic forum that focuses on critical issues for practicing urologists.

We hope you will also join us for the urology resident programs, such as the Milton Coplan Pyelogram Hour, the always-entertaining Victor Politano resident debates, and a moderated poster session including the best abstracts from residents in our wonderful training programs, which is new this year.

The program promises to be a stimulating, fantastic, educational experience. We hope you will **support us with your attendance**.

Florida Medical Association Message

Eduardo Puente, MD, FMA Pace (Delegate)

It has been an extraordinary privilege to represent FUS at the Annual Meeting at the picturesque facilities of the Disney and Beach Club Resort in Orlando July 29-31. Much took place. David J. Becker, MD was installed as the 140th FMA President July 30 during the 2016 FMA Annual Meeting. Other officers are President-Elect John N. Katapodis, MD; Vice President Ronald Giffler, MD; Treasurer Jaron Goldman, MD; Speaker Corey L. Howard, MD; Vice Speaker Joshua Lenchus, DO; and Immediate Former President Ralph J. Nobo, Jr., MD.

Other business included a visit from Neal Dunn, MD, who was greeted with enthusiastic applause. We wish him only the best since "he is one of our guys." He will represent us strongly and honorably in many issues, such as defending patients' rights and medical care that is compassionate and high quality.



The FMA rendered the "Harold S. Strasser, MD Good Samaritan Award" to eight physicians who provided critical care to victims of the June 12 Pulse nightclub shooting, in addition to a group award to Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Keynote Speaker Kevin Pho, MD, a practicing internal medicine physician, shared his views on how physicians can use social media to connect with their patients.

So far in 2016, the FMA's operating expenses are well below the operating budget and operating revenue is ahead of budget. Last July, the FMA purchased an office suite in the downtown Tallahassee for its legislative operations; of specialty interest were 450,000, and one in particular, which passed, was the number of delegates allowed to be represented at the FMA. In the past, the number of delegates per specialty was one per 100 members of the specialty organization. After the new change, it will be one per 40 members.

We hope you will join us over Labor Day Weekend for this year's meeting. **Online registration closes 8/21/2017.**

See you in Orlando!

Best,

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