

## A chair that fits

If you Google the name of Ricardo Gonzalez-Rothi, you'll see him accepting a plaque for two decades of volunteer work at an Alachua County clinic for low-income patients. You'll read the words of a former student praising him as a physician-mentor with a passion for healing. And, best of all, you'll learn that Gonzalez-Rothi is the College of Medicine's new Department of Clinical Sciences chair.

Currently he's a professor of medicine and pharmaceuticals at the University of Florida College of Medicine and is chief of medical service at the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System. He looks forward to Jan. 1, when he will become a professor and department chair at Florida State.

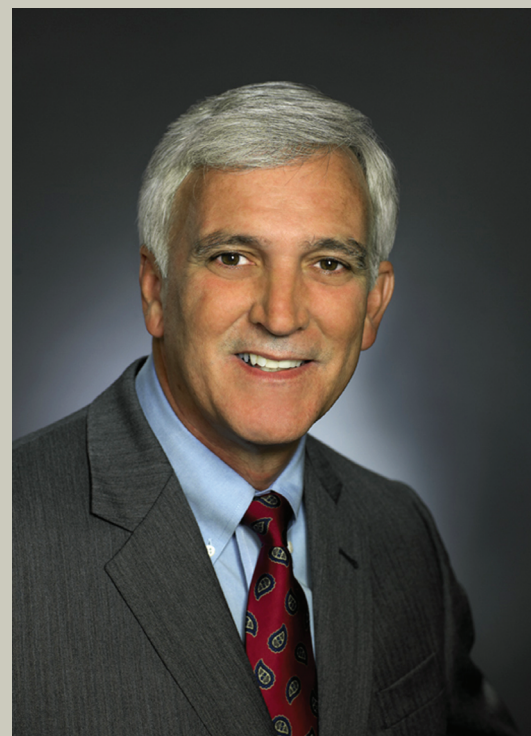
"I find it greatly appealing to be in an environment where innovation and bold approaches to learning and teaching are embraced in the context of a primary care platform," Gonzalez-Rothi said. "I am particularly interested in FSU's emphasis on innovative ways of preparing a new generation of physicians trained with the needs of the public in mind. We need scientifically well-trained doctors who are prepared to function with safety and confidence in a health system which has become increasingly technically complex."

Here's a bit of background: He was born in Cuba; graduated from Cornell University and the New York University School of Medicine; is a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians; is a charter member of the UF College of

Medicine's prestigious Society of Teaching Scholars; and, like many faculty members here, has a long history of taking students to sites such as health fairs for migrant farm workers and remote villages in other countries.

"His background and interests are a great mission fit for the college," said Dean John Fogarty, M.D., "as we prepare the next generation of physicians for practice in rural and underserved communities in Florida."

Gonzalez-Rothi will replace interim chair Harold Bland, M.D., who will continue as professor and pediatrics education director.



Dr. Ricardo Gonzalez-Rothi