

The 'Rock Doc'

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Micolucci on accordian with the Rat Pack Tribute Band.

Today, he's fulfilling his vision as a family physician in Jacksonville, and making music on the side. His two passions have intersected in surprising ways.

Micolucci and his wife, Jeanne, opened Oceanway Family Practice in 1987 after a UF study revealed that section of Jacksonville to be the most medically underserved area of town. The practice has grown to include a half-dozen physicians treating more than 200 patients a day.

Along the way, Micolucci's connections in the music business got the attention of North Florida concert promoters, who regularly call on him when visiting performers need medical attention. Among those Micolucci has taken care of: Mick Jagger, Bruce Springsteen, David Bowie, Sting, B.B. King, Cher, Metallica, Aerosmith, Jessica Simpson and Hilary Duff. And that's just a partial list.

Micolucci doesn't accept payment for his medical services to musicians, but he does accept concert tickets that he gives away to his employees as a way of rewarding them for the work they do. On rare occasions, he has filled in on keyboards when a musician was too sick to perform.

"Music has been a big part of my life," he said. "When I was at Florida State in the PIMS program in 1980, I had a band playing regularly at The Brown Derby. It was enough money to pay my way through undergrad and medical school without taking out any student loans."

Micolucci credits PIMS with giving him the opportunity to fulfill his calling. Now his son, Mark, is a first-year med student at Florida State.

"I told him he's in a great place," Micolucci said. "He's a pretty good musician, too, but I think most of his time will be spent studying."

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he College of Medicine's alumni board recently voted to adopt a shorter, simpler name for the organization that includes all PIMS and College of Medicine alumni. From now on, we're the **FSU Medical Alumni**.

Among the organization's goals are to create more opportunities for alumni to interact with current medical students to provide mentorship, support and networking opportunities. Starting this fall, alumni will be participating in informal lunchtime discussions with students at our regional campuses. It's a chance for third- and fourth-year students to gain valuable insights into what to expect in the residency application process and what life is like as a practicing physician.