The Florida State University College of Medicine has been granted a maximum eight-year accreditation by the sanctioning body of U.S. medical schools. With the favorable ruling from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), Florida State becomes the first new medical school, in the United States, of the 21st century to be reaccredited.

The LCME is a joint committee of the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). LCME accreditation occurs every eight years as part of a nearly two-year process that includes a rigorous self-study by the applying institution and a thorough inspection from the LCME site visit team. Florida State’s site visit took place in early April. Florida State began formal preparations for its LCME site visit in November 2009, conducting an exhaustive self-study involving more than 100 faculty, staff, administrators and students. The study took more than 18 months to complete.

In its letter of reaccreditation, the LCME cited several areas of strength within the program at Florida State:

“The College of Medicine is a student-centered, educationally focused organization in which decision making and priority setting are guided by its primary mission to develop exemplary, patient-oriented physicians.”

“The College of Medicine has a long-standing, well-organized and successful program for pipeline development and recruitment of students of diverse backgrounds.”

“The community faculty apprenticeship model of clinical education provides students with the opportunity to see large numbers of patients, to be involved in all aspects of their care, and to be closely observed for development of competence in their roles as physicians.”

“The College of Medicine should be commended for an impressive faculty development program, particularly for the diverse nature of the offerings and the sheer volume of effort expended to support the development of faculty on an ongoing basis.”

“The retention rate for community faculty is high, creating a stable educational platform for the clinical program.”

It is gratifying that the LCME granted us the maximum 8-years full accreditation. Other schools achieving full accreditation received an average of three citations of non-compliance stemming from their LCME site visits, and most of these involved education standards. We received two citations and both dealt with relatively minor issues and none involved education standards or outcomes. Furthermore, we received five commendations on areas of strength which is distinctly unusual. One commendation praised the quality of education at our regional campuses, a stunning achievement when one recalls that in 2004 the LCME predicted our model would unquestionably fail. Our history and achievements are compelling. Our outcomes data are more than good—they are amazing. The experts were also wrong about the predicted longevity, dedication, and quality of our community faculty. The LCME praised us in these areas as well. We should all take pride in these milestone achievements. A job more than well done.
Faculty Awards

This year, the Orlando Regional Campus All Faculty Meeting and Reception was held on August 31st at the Historic Dubsdread Ballroom. The All Faculty Meeting is an annual event hosted by the Orlando campus which allows all of the appointed clerkship faculty a chance to not only socialize, but also to hear about upcoming events, and Regional Campus and College-wide news. Speakers at the meeting included Dr. John Fogarty, Dean of the College of Medicine, and Dr. Michael Muszynski, Orlando Regional Campus Dean.

Each year, two faculty members are nominated by Clerkship Directors to receive a Teaching Award and a Mission award. This year, Dr. Pinkal Patel (left), Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, was presented with the Outstanding Community Faculty Educator Award. Recipients of this award are Florida State University College of Medicine clinical faculty members who consistently demonstrate dedication to principles of the curriculum, to identifying and meeting educational needs of students, and enthusiasm for teaching, participation in faculty development, and willingness to work collaboratively to deliver the clinical curriculum effectively. Dr. Patel has been an FSU College of Medicine faculty member since 2003. He is currently with the Oviedo Family Health Center.

Dr. Mark Weatherly (right), Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics, was presented with the College’s Mission Award. This award honors the clinical faculty member who has distinguished him/herself by participating in activities that model the mission of the college to educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge, and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority, and underserved populations. Dr. Weatherly is presently with Arnold Palmer Hospital and has been an FSU College of Medicine faculty member since 2003.

Geriatric Clinic Dedicated to Dr. John Fleming

Dr. John Fleming is a pioneer among physicians in central Florida in the field of geriatrics, where he became one of the first Board-certified geriatricians in the area. Born in Memphis Tennessee, he graduated with honors from The University of Tennessee College of Medicine and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. Dr. Fleming trained in internal medicine and practiced in Winter Park, Florida from 1968-1993. He then joined the residency program teaching faculty of Florida Hospital in 1993 teaching internal medicine and geriatrics.

Dr. Fleming was instrumental in establishing the Geriatrics Fellowship Program at Florida Hospital in 1997, serving as the program director. The Program was and remains the only Family Medicine Geriatrics Program in Florida. He also served as Medical Staff President at Winter Park Memorial Hospital, Medical Director at Mayflower Retirement Center, Florida Living Nursing Center, and Health and Home Connections. In 2003, Dr. Fleming was named Clerkship Director of Geriatrics at the Florida State University College of Medicine Orlando Regional Campus to implement the year-4 required Geriatrics Clerkship for which he recruited the faculty and he integrated the novel Geriatrics curriculum into the fellowship Program. Geriatric care and the discipline of geriatric medical education advanced greatly through his leadership.

On August 4, the Mayflower Retirement Center honored Dr. Fleming at a dedication ceremony for the Dr. John S. Fleming Geriatric Clinic at the Mayflower as a fitting recognition for his dedication, leadership, and innovation in geriatric care. The Florida State University congratulates Dr. Fleming on this most deserved recognition, and we also thank him for his pioneering efforts at our school in elder care.
Hail to the Chiefs

The Florida State University College of Medicine has produced many top scholars in the medical field, several of whom have gone on to be Chief Residents at their residency programs. Here is another sampling of Chief Residents who represent the best among Orlando Regional campus alumni.

**Dr. Robert Duarte** graduated in 2007 and went on to do his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at the LSU Health Science Center in New Orleans, where he became Chief Resident. Dr. Duarte has been accepted for a fellowship at Florida Orthopaedic Institute in Tampa.

**Dr. Kyle Moyles** also represents the Class of 2007. He went on to do his residency in Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Miami’s Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he became Chief Resident. Dr. Moyles has been accepted into the hand and upper extremity fellowship at the Brown University/Alpert School Department of Orthopaedics.

**Dr. Drew Galligan** graduated in 2008 and went on to do a residency in Pediatrics at the University of Florida-Shands in Gainesville, where he became Chief Resident. Dr. Galligan has been accepted to begin a pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX in 2012.

We congratulate Drs. Duarte, Moyles, and Galligan for becoming Chief Residents and for being accepted into their fellowship programs.

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**Alpha Omega Alpha Class of 2012**

Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) is the national medical honor society which is “dedicated to the belief that in the profession of medicine we will improve care for all by recognizing high educational achievement, honoring gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community, supporting the ideals of humanism, and promoting service to others” (for more information about AΩA, please click here). The Orlando Regional campus is proud to announce the Class of 2012 students inducted into AΩA this year.

**Michael Silverstein** was one of the Orlando campus students honored to join AΩA. About his induction, Michael says: "I am humbled by the induction into this historical honor society. AΩA values scholastics, leadership, service and character, principles I will carry with me through the future. This award is only possible because of those who have guided and taught me: my family, mentors, professors, attendings, and patients."

Class of 2012 student **Coley Sheriff** was also inducted into the honor society. Coley says: "I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to join such a meaningful organization. The emphasis AΩA places on professionalism, leadership, and service is what makes this recognition so significant to me."

The Orlando campus congratulates Michael and Coley for their hard work and dedication to their medical education!
The Florida State University College of Medicine Clinical Research Network is now a reality, and we have an official logo. The concept of building a Clinical Research Network at FSU is symbolized by an icon in the logo which depicts a double space station picture. This visual symbol was the idea of Dr. Myra Hurt, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs at FSU. She chose the symbol of space exploration and study since, through our network, we seek to explore new outreaches in clinical science. The double space station image depicts building the research network along the successful construct of our education model. The closer ring is the completed and functioning regional campuses model of distributed, community-based medical education in clinical settings. The central hub is the main campus in Tallahassee, and the ring underneath is the Clinical Research Network currently under construction. From these will come translational research from the bench and academic start-ups to medical practices at the community level. The vast majority of patient care is provided at that level and, thanks to our hugely successful model of education in a network of campuses across the state, we then asked ourselves a simple question: “Why not build a research component upon that success?” It has amazing potential for research design as well as for bringing new treatments and technologies to where most patients get their care.

We anticipate that, as the network gains capacity, studies can also originate at the practice level and relate back to the network and the main campus translational research efforts. There is the potential for a biorepository program, where various specimen types can be obtained from patients participating in the program in 6 cities and 3 rural sites where FSU is a presence. And finally, we can form partnerships with other institutions to utilize our network in their translational programs (see the story below).

For more information on how community faculty can participate in the FSU Clinical Research Network, contact Michael Muszynski, MD Associate Dean for Clinical Research.

The first collaborative effort involving the FSU Clinical Research Network is well underway, and it is a major undertaking. We have a formal affiliation with the University of Florida Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI) which is a program funded by a national Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA grant). We jointly authored an additional grant through New Florida 2010 Scholar's Clustering Grant Program by the State University System of Florida Board of Governors and we were awarded $600,000 to begin the collaborative. We chose two pilot studies to launch the collaborative, and these studies have also served as the launch of the FSU Clinical Research Network. The two studies are: 1) Adolescent Health Risk Assessment study that uses a survey resource applied to adolescent patients to predict risk behavior; 2) Sport-Related Concussion Surveillance and Management: A study testing the feasibility and applicability of a proven concussion prediction and management tool at the level of the primary care physician and practice. Currently, there are 68 FSU community faculty in pediatrics and family medicine located at 30 practices at 3 regional campuses who are participating in these studies.

Two additional IMPACTS studies are under consideration, the next most likely being a study of Emergency Department utilization in FSU Campus and UF campus communities as related to socioeconomic factors and diagnosis. If you are interested in participating, contact Michael Muszynski, MD Associate Dean for Clinical Research.
Student Volunteerism

A central focus of the Florida State University College of Medicine is to educate and develop physicians who are responsive to community needs. For third and fourth year medical students at the Orlando Campus, this aspect of the FSU COM mission translates into volunteering with one of our community partners. Just this year, 27 Orlando campus students have volunteered at 9 different events/organizations.

Below is a list of organizations or events with which Orlando campus students have volunteered in 2011.

- **Arnold Palmer Hospital Halloween Event**
- **Caribbean Health Fair** (14 students)
- **Commissioner Russell’s Back to School Event** (4 students)
- **Florida Hospital After Hours Clinic** (3 students)
  
  * [Website](#)

- **Shepherd’s Hope** (7 students)
  
  * [Website](#)

- **Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day** (4 students)
  
  * [Website](#)

- **United Cerebral Palsy**
  
  * [Website](#)

- **Give Kids the World** (8 students)
  
  * [Website](#)

- **Orlando Senior Health Exposition**

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Keehbauch’s Community Clinic

**Dr. Jennifer Keehbauch**, Orlando Regional Campus Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Rural Health, was recently featured in the October 2011 Commemorative Central Florida Humanitarian Edition of *Central Florida Medicine.com*.

Dr. Keehbauch is the founder and medical director of the Community After Hours Clinic for the Uninsured, which offers free medical services to the uninsured and underserved populations of central Florida. The clinic has seen over 20,000 patients since its opening in 2003, 26% of which were African American and 19% of which were Hispanic (of those who declared race). They have also seen over 2000 undocumented patients since 2003. Previously, the majority of the patients were the working uninsured. Now, as a result of the economic crisis, the majority of patients are unemployed.

The Orlando Regional campus applauds Dr. Keehbauch’s humanitarian efforts and dedication to the underserved in Florida. Her clinic exemplifies the FSU College of Medicine mission: “to educate and develop exemplary physicians who practice patient-centered health care, discover and advance knowledge, and are responsive to community needs, especially through service to elder, rural, minority, and underserved populations.”

The After Hours Clinic has hosted volunteering FSU students for over a year. Dr. Keehbauch has been an Orlando Regional campus faculty member since 2003.

For more information about the Community After Hours Clinic for the Uninsured please click [here](#). To watch a supplemental video, please click [here](#).

To read the *Central Florida Medicine.com* article featuring Dr. Keehbauch, please click [here](#), and go to page 46.
Class of 2012 Student Gives White Coat Speech

Every year, first-year students at the Florida State University College of Medicine main campus are presented with white coats upon completing their first semester of medical school. The white coat ceremony is a symbol of the beginning of the student’s journey in the career in medicine. On August 19, 2011, 119 students in the Class of 2015 were presented with their white coats at a ceremony held in Tallahassee. Also honored were 12 Class of 2012 students who were recently inducted into the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Society. Two Orlando Regional Campus students, Michael Silverstein and Natasha Demehri, were included among the inductees. Natasha Demehri (upper right) was nominated by her fellow Gold Humanism inductees to address the Class of 2015 about humanism in medicine. Drawing from a personal experience, Natasha told the first-years: “You have little to lose, and everything to gain, by letting a sick person into your heart.” She explained that medicine is a human practice, and that physicians and patients must have a very human bond.

About being nominated to speak, Natasha said: “It was an honor to be chosen to speak at the White Coat Ceremony and represent the Gold Humanism Honor Society this year. I have always had a passion for humanism in medicine, both locally and internationally, and having the opportunity to share my experiences with the Class of 2015, and hopefully a bit of inspiration, was a priceless experience. It was a privilege to share the stage that night with our distinguished faculty who have been my role models throughout medical school.”

We are very proud of Natasha for her dedication to humanism in medicine and we thank her for sharing her insight with the Class of 2015. Congratulations to Natasha and Michael for their induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

To watch the complete Class of 2015 White Coat Ceremony, please click here.

Student Spotlight: Zachary Hale, Campus Vice President

We’re almost halfway through the 3rd year of medical school, and can’t you just hear Pomp and Circumstance playing already? The class of 2013 may have to wait a little while for that, but we are off to a great start in Orlando. We are scattered all over town for our rotations, yet we have found a way to come together for multiple volunteering events and we have earned a title as the most volunteering FSU Orlando class to date. You may have seen many of us at the following events: Give Kids the World, Caribbean Health Fair, Arnold Palmer Hospital Halloween Party for Patients, Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day, Shepherd’s Hope Clinic, and Florida Hospital After Hours Clinic. That’s the kind of success you get from having not one, but two class volunteering chairs. Our goal is to leave a lasting impact on both the patients and the community.

Our class seems to be transitioning really well from classroom learning up in Tallahassee to patient treatment here in Orlando. Every week our faculty asks our group what problems we are experiencing that may need fixing, and the room regularly falls silent in response; things are going smoothly! As executive vice president for our class, my role is to be a student link and voice to our faculty and administrators. All this smooth sailing means I’ve had to go looking for work and ways we can improve, which, I suppose, is a good position to be in.

Having already personally seen patients in five different hospitals and over 10 community clinics in just a little over four months, it’s easy to see how far reaching the FSU Emblem is in Orlando alone. Having seen all these sites has given me a great and varied exposure to medical practice in Orlando, which is pretty neat and refreshing.

I speak for our whole group when I say that we are all very pleased and excited to be here. We feel very fortunate.

Looking forward to working with you,

Zachary Hale
Class of 2013
Orlando Campus Executive Vice President
New Faculty Development Sessions

There are several ways in which to earn faculty development hours, but one of the most effective is to attend a live session at the Orlando campus. Each month the Orlando campus hosts a session emphasizing different aspects of clinical teaching, using a variety of speakers and mediums. Most of the live sessions also offer CME in addition to faculty development hours. The newest FSU COM sessions are “Strategies for Teaching Procedural Skills” and “Effective Clinical Teaching: Views from our Learners.” Both of these new sessions will be presented by Dr. Dennis Baker, Associate Dean for Faculty Development.

“Strategies for Teaching Procedural Skills”, to be held 11/09/2011, will focus on the many aspects of teaching medical students how to perform procedural and clinical skills effectively, including outlining learning environments that are conducive to students performing procedural skills correctly, and strategies for reinforcing a student in the process of performing a procedural skill. “Effective Clinical Teaching: Views from our Learners”, to be held 03/28/2012, will feature a panel of students who will share their thoughts and experiences on which teaching strategies have been helpful to their learning. Faculty members will be encouraged to ask questions of the panel members.

For any questions or concerns about faculty development please contact:

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Upcoming Sessions

11/09/2011 - Strategies for Teaching Procedural Skills
12/08/2011 - Using Patient Education Resources
01/26/2012 - Downloading Programs to your Mobile Device, Sponsored by:
02/08/2012 - Advanced Feedback Skills
03/28/2012 - Effective Clinical Teaching: Views from our Learners
04/12/2012 - Point of Care Decision Support Tools
06/14/2012 - Writing Letters of Recommendation for Residency

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