

Lee County  
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# the Newsletter

The Voice of Lee County Medicine



P. O. BOX 1704, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33902

TELEPHONE 936-1645

JANUARY 1978

JANUARY MEETING: Monday, January 16, 1978 - SHERATON INN - 6:30 PM Social Hour -7:30 PM DINNER - PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY SENDING BACK THE ATTACHED POST CARD. Reservations must be made in order to plan for enough food, also we do not wish to over prepare food.

PROGRAM: Speaker ---- Mr. James A. Franklin, Attorney-at-Law will speak on 'MEDICAL MEDIATION PANELS'. Be sure to attend as this is a topic we know little about but does effect us a great deal.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Checking \$1,741.22, Savings \$15,997.08, Deposits \$100.00 and Petty Cash \$30.00. As of our January meeting our meals will increase from \$8.50 to \$8.75. Cocktails will remain the same. In checking other places we find that with the two types of meals we are now being served it would cost about \$9.75 to \$10.50.

ES: You have now received your 1978 statements - Please pay them as soon as possible. The Auxiliary dues have a cut-of-date of February 1, 1978 and if payment is not received by this time they loose delegates to their conventions and very IMPORTANT TO YOUR WIFE is that it will effect whether or not her name is in the Auxiliary Directory as they go to press soon after and need to know who has joined the Auxiliary.

CME: Please send into the office all forms that need to be processed for the Cycle II, FMA Continuing Medical Educations. These forms are to be reviewed and sent to FMA by February 1, 1978.

The Auxiliary is planning the Medical Society Auxiliary Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, February 25, 1978 at Hickey's Creek - Please mark your calendars - more information about the time will be in our next newsletter. The Auxiliary will be taking care of everything, all you need to do is come and enjoy all the activities.

Should there be anyone who would like to nominate a member of our Society for an FMA award Please contact the office for information. Should anyone wish to be nominate to serve on the Florida State Board of Medical Examiners, please contact the office or Dr. Warren Hagen.

NEW MEMBERS to be VOTED on at the January Meeting: Robert P. Whittier, M. D.-Otolaryngologist: Bartolomeo Iaia, M. D.- ER Dr. at Cape: Robert C. Partenheimer, M. D., - Cape Medical Clinic: Hamilton McCroskery, M. D. - Shell Point Village: Lewis Steinhilber, M. D. - General Practice. Alejandra B. Bauzon, M. D. and Dionisio C. Bugarin, M. D. - Family Practice.

Change of Status vote on Muriel YI YI Myint, M. D., John O. Gage, M. D., and Edward C. gler, M. D., to ACTIVE Status.

American Association of Medical Assistants, Lee County Chapter, will meet Wednesday, January 11, 1978, 7:00 PM Fort Myers Community Hospital - Doctor's Dining Room. Speaker-- Harris L. Bonnette, M. D. -- Topic " HEADACHES". All Office personnel are invited to attend.

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FEBRUARY: Monday, February 20, 1978 - Sheraton Inn - 6:30 PM Social Hour - 7:30 PM Dinner. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY SENDING BACK THE ATTACHED POST CARD. Reservations must be made in order to plan for enough food.

PROGRAM: Speakers - DAVID H. KNOTT, MD, Medical Director of the Alcohol and Drug Clinic and Assistant Superintendent for Research and Training at the Memphis Mental Health Institute and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Tennessee.

ROBERT D. FINK, M.D., Deputy Superintendent and Psychiatric Consultant at the Memphis Mental Health Institute and Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at University of Tennessee. Both Doctors work with the American Medical Society on Alcoholism.

TOPIC " THE DISEASE CALLED ALCOHOLISM " CME Category I - Mandatory hour applied for.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$2,713.03, Savings \$45,997.08, Deposits \$100.00, Petty Cash \$30.

### "ANNUAL FAMILY STEAK COOKOUT"

The Auxiliary will have the Annual Family Steak Cookout at Hickey's Creek, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1978 - TIME 3:00 PM - EAT at 5 PM - \$8.00 per Family, Couples and Singles. RSVP by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1978 in order to buy steak and drinks. TELEPHONE AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE ON CALL -- 20 minutes east of town. CALL: \*\*\*\*Mrs. Gene (Martha) Cox - 482-1702 ----\*\*\*\*Mrs. John (Barbara) Freeman-481-7982

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Robert P. Whittier, M. D., Bartolomeo Iaia, M. D., Hamilton McCroskery, M. D., Robert C. Partenheimer, M. D., Lewis Steinhilber, M. D., Alejandra B. Bauzon, M. D. and Dionisio C. Bugarin, M. D..

We wish to thank Drs. Hagen, Hagen and Bacon for the 17th Edition of the Directory of Medical Specialists by Marquis Who's Who. These books are much appreciated. The family of Dr. Anthony Puglisi gave a number of medical books and journals to the Society.

The following applications are to be voted on at the Society meeting: Bipin Shah, M. D., OB/GYN; Ronald Giffler, M. D.-Pathology; John Pletincks, M. D.-Surgery; Maximo Perez, M.D.-Psychiatry.

The 1978 FMA Annual meeting will be held May 3-7 at the Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Florida. The April FMA Journal will carry a complete list of scientific section. Make plans to attend now for CME credits.

The 1978 Legislative Session will begin April 4 and conclude June 2. The FMA Capital Office has begun scheduling physicians to serve as "DOCTOR OF THE DAY" during this session. Physicians interested in serving in this capacity should write to FMA Capital Office in Tallahassee, 100 East College Avenue, Tallahassee 32301. A complimentary room is provided at the Hilton Hotel for the day before physicians serve.

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MARCH MEETING: Monday, March 20, 1978 - SHERATON INN - 6:30PM Social Hour - 7:30PM Dinner. We have been informed that if we do not stay within 10 reservations of the actual number made we will have to pay a guarantee ( this is the difference between the number of reservations made and the actual number in attendance). Lately it has averaged out to be a difference of about 30 who make reservations but do not attend. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AND IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND PLEASE CANCEL BY MONDAY NOON. Thank you.

PROGRAM: Mrs. Lavon Wisher, Lee County Administrator will speak to us regarding the County Government. Please come and see what is happening in Lee County.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$3,483.45, Savings \$46,248.78, Petty Cash \$30.00. To date we have processed all but about 15 of our members dues. If you are one of these please consider sending us a check as soon as possible.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Ronald Giffler, M. D., Maximo Perez, M. D., John R. Pletincks, M.D., Bipin D. Shah, M. D..

The following members have resigned from the Medical Society and we wish them much success in their new endeavors: Emil Palmquist, M. D., L. A. Steinhilber, M. D.; Seneca T. Ferry, M.D. Fred Odere, M. D.; and Alan Richman, M. D.

Flowers were sent in memorial to Dr. Clifford E. Vinson who died February 11, 1978.

FMA ANNUAL MEETING DATES: May 3-7, 1978 at the Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Florida. This will be an opportunity for members who are on Cycle III, (1976, 1977, 1978) to pick up those much needed hours for Continuing Medical Education.

DELEGATES TO FMA: Larry P. Garrett, J. Stewart Hagen, F. L. Howington, H. Quillian Jones, Jr., and Marcus M. Moore. If you wish to express a change in the FMA or present a resolution to the FMA, please contact one the delegates before the FMA meeting in May.

CME: Attached to the newsletter is information from our CME Chairman Dr. E. G. Guttery. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY this letter as it contains very important information and facts on Cycle III and for all members who have not completed a three year cycle of CME.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dr. Marcus M. Moore is our Public Relations Chairman and handles the news media for the Medical Society. Some of our members were unaware that we had this committee. Should you need advice in this direction he will be glad to assist you.

FMA is developing a Catalog of Scientific Speakers for Continuing Medical Education. If you have a desire to speak or "teach" other colleagues on occasions please contact our office. We have the forms to fill out and return to FMA. Also, the Medical Society Office would be interested in our Society setting up a speakers roster for local speakers for the community or for our on meetings.



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### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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March 2, 1978

TO ALL MEMBERS:

All members of the Medical Society should be made aware of the current situation in regard to the FMA's Continuing Medical Education Program. All members of the Medical Society should refer to the Journal of the Florida Medical Association, Volume 64, pages 269-276, April 1977.

Let me review for the membership briefly some of the important points regarding this program.

All regular, active FMA members are required to participate.

Each FMA physician must accumulate a certain amount of credit within a three year cycle consisting of three consecutive calendar years. For a new member, first cycle begins on January 1, immediately following the date one first becomes a member of his county medical society, provisional or otherwise. It is each physician's personal responsibility to keep accurate records regarding his mandatory and elective medical education activities during the three year cycle he is in. Requirements for mandatory credit and elective credit are well outlined in the above mentioned paper and will not be repeated here. There are three, three year cycles, each overlapping the other by one or two years. Each member of the FMA retains the same cycle number during his entire career. A list of cycles, again, is included in the above mentioned paper. It is extremely important that all members of the Lee County Medical Society who became members of the Society prior to January, 1976, must realize that they are obligated to report CME credits at the end of calendar year 1978. This includes all members in cycle number III. Members, without sufficient justification who fail to meet the CME requirements are subject to suspension from the Florida Medical Association and their county medical societies. The FMA Board of Governors will sit in final judgement on whether a member will be suspended. I would urge all members, who have not done so in the past, to be more compulsive about collecting material concerning their continuing medical education activities, so that these reports can be completed at the end of this calendar year without the threat of penalty. The Medical Society office will be glad to supply information regarding CME activity to any member requesting such information.

E.G.Guttery, III, M.D.  
Lee County Medical Society  
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APRIL 1978

APRIL MEETING: Monday, April 17, 1978 - SHERATON INN - 6:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR - 7:30 PM DINNER.  
PLEASE CANCEL RESERVATIONS BY MONDAY AT NOON: THANK YOU . . . . .

PROGRAM: WILBER G. AVERY, M. D., specializing in Pulmonary Disease, is with the South Miami Hospital. TOPIC: ADULT RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME - SHOCK-LUNG - Pulmonary complications that can develop after shock. Sponsored by Unjohn Company. Mandatory credit applied for through the FMA.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$4,093.83, Savings \$46,248.78, Petty Cash \$30.00, Deposits \$100.

The Society Office now has a conference table and can seat ten, if anyone is interested in have your meetings there, please contact the secretary.

The Office has received a letter from the American Red Cross recruiting volunteers to staff its 9 shelters for the 1978 hurricane season. Dr. Tardif has worked up the disaster plan for the Medical Society and distributed this to the Hospitals and Civil Defense. For your information listed below is the shelters for 1978: Suncoast Elementary and Middle Schools, Caloosa Middle School, Lee Middle School, Riverdale High School, Lehigh Elementary, Alva Elementary, Ft. Myers High School, Cypress Lake High School and Bonita Elementary School. If additional information is needed on disaster shelter, write to the Red Cross Office, 2140 Broadway, or call 334-3401.

The Lee County Distric School Board is sponsoring a program for students to attend the University of Florida and needs scholarship support for those interested in medicine. If you would like to support a student please contact Ms. Helen L. Caldwell of the School Board Office - 334-1102

FMA ANNUAL MEETING - May 3 - 7, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood Beach Florida - Thirty-three recognized specialty groups will participate in the scientific program. 20 hours of Mandatory Credit can be obtained at this meeting.

Spring has come to Southwest Florida and should represent a new beginning, may you have enough .....

happiness to keep you sweet,  
trials to keep you strong,  
sorrow to keep you human,  
hope to keep you happy,  
failure to keep you humble,  
success to keep you eager,  
friends to give you comfort,  
wealth to meet your needs,  
enthusiasm to look forward,  
faith to banish depression,  
DETERMINATION TO MAKE EACH DAY  
BETTER THAN YESTERDAY!

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MAY 1978

MAY MEETING: Monday, May 15, 1978 - SHERATON INN - 6:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR - 7:30 PM DINNER ..  
PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED POST CARD IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. . . . CANCELLATIONS NO LATER  
THAN MONDAY NOON . . . . .THANK YOU . . . . . LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER . . . .

PROGRAM: Speaker: HOLLIS G. BOREN, M. D., Director of the Medical Center, Dean of the  
College of Medicine, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA.  
Topic: "PREPARATION FOR APPLICATION TO MEDICAL SCHOOL."

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$2,340.53, Savings \$46, 248.78. Dues collected and budget for  
this year \$41,800.00. With the rise in cost of meat and vegetables is is very possible that  
our meals will cost more in the future, therefore we must maintain a reserve of monies.

The Lee County Medical Society wishes to express sympathy to the Family of Curtis House, M. D.  
in his death on April 20th.

CME Committee reports that 35 physicians in the Medical Society were reviewed and approved  
for the Florida Medical Association Continuing Medical Education, Cycle II. Each physician  
received a certificate for this period.

SCHOOL HEALTH COMMITTEE has meet on several occasions this year with the Lee County School  
Health Advisory Committee. This committee is in the process of formulating a comprehensive  
Health Education curriculum for the Lee County Schools and a Task Force has been formed with  
Dr. Jack Bartlett, our chairman, as a member. Dr. Bartlett was asked to form a subcommittee  
of physicians to present our views on what should be covered in Health Education and when it  
should be presented to students. The subcommittee consist of Drs. Ashby Jordan, Irwin Kash,  
John Agnew, Larry Goldman and Dr. Bartlett. Dr. Bartlett ask that the Lee County Medical  
Society support the Comprehensive Health Education Planning K-12 in its entirety and that we  
provide the Lee County Schools with resource people to discuss certain specific topics with  
the students. Please keep this in mind as the committee works to bring these health cur-  
riculums to our schools. Give of your time and support the School Health Committee.

NEW MEMBERS to be voted on at the May meeting: Patrick A. Cullen, M. D.- Orthopaedic; Michael  
D. Danzig, M. D. - Internal Medicine-Cardiology; Richard N. DeIorio, M. D. - Orthopaedic;  
Davis F. Gates, M. D. - Urology; Lawrence J. Giroux, M. D. - Internal Medicine; Jerome P.  
McCourt, M. D. - Internal Medicine-Endocrinology; Mark A. Mintz, M. D.-Urology.

BY-LAW changes will be VOTED on at the MAY meeting. These changes were reviewed at the April  
meeting and those who attended received a copy. Attached to the newsletter is a copy of the  
BY-LAW changes for those who did not attend the April meeting.

LEE TECH. has 9 Medical Assistant students who will be ready for their internship program  
during June, July, August and September. Any physician interested in having a student placed  
in his/her office during that time should contact the instructor, Mrs. Kathryn Mangan, by  
calling 334-4544.

LEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY  
REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
APRIL 1978

OLD

NEW

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I - ELIGIBILITY

CHANGE TO:

Every legally registered doctor of medicine residing in, or whose principal location of practice is in Lee County, who is of good moral character and professional standing and who does not support, practice, or claim to practice any exclusive system of healing, shall be eligible to apply for membership as provided in the By-Laws.

Every doctor of medicine or osteopathy who has satisfactorily completed one (1) year of post-graduate training in a program approved by the Council of Medical Education of the American Medical Association (AMA) residing in, or whose principal location of practice is in Lee County, who is of good moral character, and professional standing, who is held to be medically competent by his peers, and who does not support, practice or claim to practice any exclusive system of healing, shall be eligible to apply for membership as provided in the By-Laws. All persons who are members when this Constitution passes are exempt from the post graduate training requirements.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

SECTION I - DEFINED

The officers of this Society are: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, members of the Board of Governors, and editor of the official Bulletin (if any).

REMOVE:

and editor of the official Bulletin

(if any).

ARTICLE V-STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION I - The standing committees of this Society shall be set forth in the By-Laws but shall include:

ADD: (9) Committee on School Health  
(10) Committee on Peer Review  
(11) Committee on Continuing Medical Education

SECTION 2 - Each standing committee shall consist of a chairman and at least two (2) members appointed by the president or elected by the Board of Governors as provided in the By-Laws.

SECTION 2 - COMMITTEES - Each standing committee shall consist of a Chairman and as many members as designated by the President or elected by the Board of Governors as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII-MEETINGS

SECTION 4 - QUORUM - Thirty-three and one third percent (33-1/3%) of the active members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4 - QUORUM - 25% of active members shall constitute a quorum.



BY-LAWS

OLD

NEW

CHAPTER IV - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SECTION 2.

At the first annual election, following the adoption of this Constitution and By-laws, a ballot shall be cast by each member present and voting, for not more than three members of the Board of Governors. The names balloted upon shall not include the newly elected President, the retiring President of the Society, nor the immediate Past President, the newly elected Secretary nor the immediate past-Secretary, these men being automatically members of the Board of Governors.

CHANGE TO;

At the first annual election, following the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws, a ballot shall be cast by each member present and voting, for not more than two members at large of the Board of Governors. The names balloted upon shall not include the newly elected President-Elect, the President of the Society, nor the immediate Past President, the newly elected Secretary, nor the newly elected Treasurer, these persons being automatically members of the Board of Governors. The Two candidates securing the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to the Board. They shall serve for a period of one year. Following this first annual election, two members at large shall be elected to the Board of Governors at the annual meeting each year. The tenure of office in these instances shall be one year.

SECTION 3.

Three members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Four members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

CHAPTER V - COMMITTEES

DESIGNATED - The committees of this Society shall be standing committees on:

- ADD: (9) School Health
- (10) Peer Review
- (11) Continuing Medical Education

SECTION I. BOARD OF CENSORS

(H). CHARGES AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF CENSORS

ADD: or BOARD OF GOVERNORS to the language of this Section.

(I) REPORTING TO FLORIDA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

ADD: AND THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, STATE OF FLORIDA to the language of this Section.

SECTION 4. COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ECONOMICS

It shall serve as a clearing house on fee schedules and other questions effecting the economics of medicine.

----OMIT FROM BY-LAWS

ADD:

It shall review all applications from members and prospective members of the Lee County Medical Society to the FMA Insurance Company, liability insurance. Using information from the Board of Censors and their own investigation, they shall make a recommendation to the FMA Insurance Company, unless their is an adverse recommendation which will be reviewed by the Board of Governors concerning the advisibility of including the individual or group in the FMA insurance plan.

SECTION 11. CON'T

ADD: COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

B) CON'T

Florida Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

C) The Florida Medical Association and the American Medical Association rules and regulations are carried out through the Committee on Continuing Medical Education of the Society. The Committee on CME shall consist of a chairman and not less than two members and shall report to the Board of Governors.

CHAPTER VI - FUNDS AND EXPENSES

SECTION 1. ADMISSION FEE - Each new member of the Society shall be charged an initiation or admission fee equal to the Annual Society dues which sum shall accompany his or her application. This fee shall cover annual dues to the end of the current fiscal year. The fee shall be returned if the applicant is not granted membership.

CHANGE TO: Each new member of the Society shall be charged an admission fee equal to the annual Society dues. When meals are included in the dues, the cost of meals only maybe pro-rated for the number of meetings which the new member will be eligible to attend. The remainder of the fee must be paid in full regardless of how much of the fiscal year remains.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL DUES

CHANGE: SECTION 2. DUES  
CHANGE: (A) ANNUAL DUES  
(SAME)

SECTION 3--REMOVED AND CHANGED TO (B) and (C) with different numbering and letters.

ADD: (NEW) (B) DUES FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.  
The annual dues for Associate members will be that amount equal to the cost of the years meals at the County Society Meetins as long as meals are included in the annual dues. Associate members may be granted dues exempt status by the Board of Governors

(C) EXCUSED FROM DUES  
1. SAME  
2. SAME

(C) Prolonged active membership - any member who has been an Active member in this Society for 35 years shall automatically qualify to be come a "Life Member" and be exempt from all dues and assessments.

Change to 3. SAME but ADD at end:

,except that he will be subject to the same dues as associate members but will retain his active status.

(D) Change to 4.

4. SAME

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JUNE 1978

JUNE: There will be no meetings of the Society membership until September -----  
Should any problems or questions arise, please contact the office.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$3,320.17, Savings \$41,762.64, Deposits \$100.00.

BY-Laws - Our By-Laws are in very poor order and are in need of approval by the membership. At our May meeting there were not enough present for a quorum to conduct this important business. The By-Laws will be the first order of business at the September meeting and we need your presence to insure a quorum. Please read your copy of the ammendments that you received in May and plan to attend the September meeting as this effects YOU.

The Counseling and Growth Center is in need of file cabinets and anyone interested in donating one that you wish to get rid of call Dr. Thomas Wiley for further information.  
x deductible.....

New Members approved for membership at the May Meeting: Michael D. Danzig, M. D., Internal Medicine-Cardiology, in office with Dr. Tritel. Richard N. DeIorio, M. D., Orthopaedic with the Cape Coral Medical Clinic. Davis F. Gates, M. D., Urologist with the Cape Coral Medical Clinic. Lawrence J. Giroux, M. D. Family Practice with the Cape Coral Medical Clinic. Mark a Mintz, M. D., Urologist with the Cape Coral Medical Clinic. Jerome P. McCourt, M. D., Internal Medicine - Endocrinology with Dr. Zellner.

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ATTACHED IS A FORM FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR 1979 AND A FEW LINES FOR INFORMATION TO BRING THE OFFICE RECORDS URTO DATE----PLEASE HELP DR. CECIL BEEHLER TO BETTER SERVE OUR SOCIETY BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING THE ATTACHED INQUIRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE . . .

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The 1978 Legislation passed a National Health Insurance Claim form used by physicians in their office effective July 1, 1978 - Many of you have called me with regards to attachments to this forms which is prohibited. Many of you also attended the Blue Sheild meeting recently held in Fort Myers. On May 31, 1978 the FMA meet with the Insurance Commissioner and a six month period will be put into act to allow attachments to the NHI form. At the end of this six months a review will be undertaken by the Insurance Commission to determine if this will be allowed in the future. All sources that I have been able to contact states this will be ineffect with the July 1 date to start use of this National Health Insurance Form. If you in need as how to obtain this form you may contact the AMA, Order Department OP-407, P. O. Box 821, Monroe, Wisc. 53566. 1,000 copies single form is \$18.50. Snap-out form OP-408 1,000 is \$28.00. Computer Printers, 1,000 are \$28.00. Your Business Office dealers also have this form.

HAVE A NICE SUMMER



*Bill Gunter*  
STATE TREASURER  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
FIRE MARSHAL

*Office of Treasurer*  
*Insurance Commissioner*  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE 32304

June 22, 1978

Mrs. Ann Wilke  
Executive Secretary  
Lee County Medical Society  
P. O. Box 1704  
2466 Hunter Terrace  
Fort Meyers, Florida 33902

Dear Mrs. Wilke:

This responds to your letter of June 16, relative to the implementation of Senate Bill 6, on Uniform Claim Forms.

The task force committee, which developed the Procedural Manual to go with the prescribed Physicians form, was composed of interested parties, including the Florida Medical Association. Full input was given on every question raised, every decision reached and the manual was agreed to, in March.

We regret it when erroneous rumors are started. We have only agreed to permit one thing to accompany the claim form. That is, where the Doctor uses a computerized program, it is impossible to get a signature into a computer. So we feel that a Physician may use an authorization for assignment form of his choosing, which may be sent in with his claim to the Insurer.

I am enclosing a copy of the manual for your information.

Sincerely yours,

*George D. McDonald*  
George D. McDonald  
Chief, Bureau of Life  
and Health Insurance

GDMcD/cma

Enclosure



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June 9, 1978

TO: ALL LCMS MEMBERS

FROM: CECIL C. BEEHLER, M. D., PRESIDENT-ELECT

Active committees are necessary for the proper functioning of the Lee County Medical Society. In order to serve our Society with the best possible input, I am asking your help in setting up these committees by indicating your 1-2-3 preference by active participation on the committees listed below. We would also like to bring our office records up to date. Please respond to our information needed and return to the Society office as soon as possible. Thank You . . . . .

STANDING COMMITTEES

\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM

\_\_\_\_ DELEGATES TO FMA

\_\_\_\_ GRIEVANCE

\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE DELEGATES

\_\_\_\_ MEDICAL ECONOMICS

\_\_\_\_ EXECUTIVE OFFICER

\_\_\_\_ PUBLIC RELATIONS

OTHER COMMITTEES

\_\_\_\_ LEGISLATION

\_\_\_\_ SPORTS MEDICINE

\_\_\_\_ PUBLIC HEALTH

\_\_\_\_ DISASTER PLANNING

\_\_\_\_ PEER REVIEW

\_\_\_\_ LIBRARY

\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL HEALTH

\_\_\_\_ EDITOR OF NEWSLETTER

\_\_\_\_ CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUC.

\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be on a Speakers Roster(local groups, schools, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you can suggest any doctor who would be particularly valuable on Committees please jot down their names: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking new Patients? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Future \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Sub-Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Other information you might wish on file: \_\_\_\_\_

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June 9, 1978

TO: ALL LCMS MEMBERS

FROM: CECIL C. BEEHLER, M. D., PRESIDENT-ELECT

Active committees are necessary for the proper functioning of the Lee County Medical Society. In order to serve our Society with the best possible input, I am asking your help in setting up these committees by indicating your 1-2-3 preference by active participation on the committees listed below. We would also like to bring our office records upto date. Please respond to our information needed and return to the Society office as soon as possible. Thank You . . . . .

STANDING COMMITTEES

\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM

\_\_\_\_ DELEGATES TO FMA

\_\_\_\_ GRIEVANCE

\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE DELEGATES

\_\_\_\_ MEDICAL ECONOMICS

\_\_\_\_ EXECUTIVE OFFICER

\_\_\_\_ PUBLIC RELATIONS

OTHER COMMITTEES

\_\_\_\_ LEGISLATION

\_\_\_\_ SPORTS MEDICINE

\_\_\_\_ PUBLIC HEALTH

\_\_\_\_ DISASTER PLANNING

\_\_\_\_ PEER REVIEW

\_\_\_\_ LIBRARY

\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL HEALTH

\_\_\_\_ EDITOR OF NEWSLETTER

\_\_\_\_ CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUC.

\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be on a Speakers Roster(local groups, schools, etc)? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you can suggest any doctor who would be particularly valuable on Committees please jot down their names: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking new Patients? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Future \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_ Sub-Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

Other information you might wish on file: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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JULY 1978

JULY: IMPORTANT INFORMATION - "NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS" Since the last newsletter in June there has developed information contrary to allowing attachments to this form. A letter from George D. McDonald, Chief, Bureau of Life and Health Insurance, State of Florida Insurance Commissioner's Office, is attached to this news letter and states "that no attachments will be allowed." I am sure that this will not be the last change we will hear about and I will try to keep you informed. The Florida Insurance Department will be sending you a manual of instructions in the next few weeks. Authorization for assignment form may be sent with your form if you use a computer system.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$3,965.22, Savings \$ 41,762.64 and Petty Cash \$30.00.

CHANGE YOUR OFFICE RECORDS: Please advise your secretaries to change our TELEPHONE NUMBER to 936-1645. We have had this number for 2 years but recently our old number was given to another party and they have received a number of calls from our members. Thank you.....

The Medical Society Office will be closed for vacation August 14th to August 28th -- Please make note of this.....

From January 1978 to June 1, 1978 we processed 16 New Members and we have received several this month who will be voted on in September.

At the FMA Annual Meeting in May the Fort Myers Newspress was presented a certificate for Excellence in Medical Journalism. Dr. Warren E. Hagen and Dr. Cecil C. Beehler presented this certificate to Mr. George Blake on June 12th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The NEW MEMBER RECEPTION will be held FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1978 at the Cape Coral Country Club - 7pm to 9pm -----KEEP THIS DATE OPEN -----

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare are soliciting nominees for public representation to the Florida Statewide Professional Standards Review Council which is now being formed pursuant to Section 1162 of Title VI of the Social Security Act. Anyone interest in following up on this nomination must have your name submitted by August 15th. For specific details of the qualifications of candidates and the responsibilities of the Council members a copy can be obtained from the Society Office.

Please read the FMA Briefs and the Legislative Bulletin for information concerning what actions were taken on legislation that will be of interest to you and your office. The goals of the FMA for the 1978 Legislative Session was a successful one for medicine in allowing for recovery of court cost and attorney fees and the increased funding for the Board of Medical Examiners as well as many others. Please make your self aware of what happened to us the legislation for 1978.

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SEPTEMBER 1978

SEPTEMBER MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1978 - SHERATON INN - 6:30 PM Social Hour . . . .  
7:30 PM Dinner . . . . PLEASE RETURN YOUR RESERVATION CARD . . . CANCEL BY NOON - MONDAY .

PROGRAM: Mr. Eugene H Johnson, Manager of the South Florida Office of the Florida Medical Association. TOPIC: Information regarding the Florida Medical Association.

IMPORTANT: BY-LAWS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THIS MEETING!!!! PLEASE ATTEND!!!!

NEW DOCTORS RECEPTION - PLEASE COME AND MAKE OUR NEW DOCTORS WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY. . .  
IF YOU HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO YOUR INVITATION, PLEASE CALL MRS. JACK CARVER AT 542-4959 . .  
Your invitation includes your wife or husband.

The FMA is seeking physicians to be DOCTOR OF THE DAY for a special called meeting of the  
legislation on September 12th to the 15th. If you would like to be one of those to help  
out, please call our office or Mr. Gene Johnson in Miami at (305)652-6280 (FMA Office).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Checking \$1,399.19, Savings \$41,762.64, Petty Cash \$30.00.

The U. S. Center for Disease Control are conducting their investigation in Fort Myers and  
may seek the help of your office records. Please be available to them should they contact  
your office for assistance.

Active Members are requested to express to the Membership Committee any information or  
opinions they may have concerning the eligibility of the applicants for membership listed  
below:

NEW MEMBERS TO BE VOTED TO MEMBERSHIP:

Philip F. Waterman, M. D. - OB/GYN - Probationary  
Isaac S. D. Cruz, M. D. - Pathology - Active by transfer from Defiance, Ohio  
Martin Sherman, M. D. - Pediatrics - Active by transfer from Cambridge, Mass.  
Jack G. Beaulieu, M. D. - Orthopaedic - Probationary  
Vincent J. Belcastro, M. D. - General Surgery - Probationary  
Eileen L. Schwartz, M. D. - Neurology - Probationary  
Patrick A. Cullen, M. D. - Orthopaedic - Probationary  
Robert Schwartz, M. D. - Internal Medicine - Probationary  
Wade Allain, M. D. - Anesthesiology - Probationary  
Robert Buchholz, M. D. - Psychiatry - Probationary

MEMBERS APPROVED FOR STATUS CHANGE TO ACTIVE: David Gaar, M. D.; David Wilson, M. D.; Jane  
Simenson, M. D.; Stephen Lukowicz, M. D.; Seth Schurman, M. D.; Marvin Porter, M. D.; Barry  
Zaretsky, M. D..

Francisco Sanchez, M. D. has closed his office effective August 15, 1978. Dr. Luis P. Lay  
is planning to sell his office which is equiped and furnished for one or two doctors. If  
you know of anyone who is interested please call Dr. Lay at 482-1386.



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OCTOBER 1978

OCTOBER MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1978 -SHERATON INN - SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM . . . . .  
DINNER 7:30 PM . . . . . PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AND IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND LET US KNOW,  
WE NOW HAVE TO PAY THE SHERATON INN FOR ALL RESERVATIONS MADE WHETHER YOU EAT OR NOT AND  
THIS TAKES FROM OUR TREASURY!!!!!! --- Call by noon on Monday to CANCEL. . . . .

PROGRAM: Joseph Silva, M. D., Head of Infectious Disease, Department of Internal Medicine  
at the University of Michigan

SUBJECT: "Antibiotic Combinations"

This speaker is sponsored by ROERIG; Division of Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and 1 hour of  
mandatory credit has been applied for through the Florida Medical Association.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$2,724.05, Savings \$37,345.51, Petty Cash \$30.00.

Our Treasurer, Dr. Joseph O'Bryan, has completed the 1979 Budget and you will find it  
attached to your newsletter. The Board of Governors has reviewed and approved the budget  
and it will be presented at the October meeting.

NHI Forms - The Florida Medical Association has been granted a public hearing on implement-  
ation of Section 627.6111 Florida Statutes, regarding Standardized Health Claim Form. The  
Department of Insurance has indicated that a public hearing will be held on or about October  
23, 1978 and that enforcement of the statutory provision requiring use of the Standard Health  
Claim Form would be delayed pending the outcome of the hearing. The FMA will present testi-  
mony in support of its request to the Dept. of Insurance that attachments be allowed, pro-  
vided the attachments contain all the necessary information required on the standardized form.  
Physicians are advised to continue using whatever form they are currently using until after  
the public hearing and a final ruling is made.

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 75 now have a new home at 50 Mildred Drive, Ft. Myers.  
A patient of yours may have need of their services and you may contact them by calling Mr.  
Andy Klieth - 334-0204, Service Officer or Mr. Tom Steele -481-6690, Commander.

The Fort Myers Chapter of the American Association of Medical Assistants have meetings the  
second Wednesday of every month at Community Hospital, Doctors Dining room at 7:30 PM. We  
urge each Doctor to encourage their office personnel to attend as they provide answer to  
many questions they face each day. Topics for meetings to come: October - Child Abuse, Vivian  
Foster, Children and Youth Services; November - Hypnotherapy, Dr. Zeterberg; December -  
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Bill Conrod, Ft. Myers Fire Dept.

Member to be approved for status change from probationary to active: Octavio O. Maramara, M.D..

New Members approved for membership at the September meeting: Philip Waterman, M. D., Isaac S.  
Cruz, M. D., Martin Sherman, M. D., Jack G. Beaulieu, M. D., Vincent Belcastro, M. D., Eileen  
L. Schwartz, M. D., Robert Schwartz, M. D., Patrick A. Cullen, M. D., Wade Allain, M. D. and  
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NOVEMBER 1978

NOVEMBER MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1978 - SHERATON INN - Social Hour-6:30 - Dinner-7:30.  
PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS . . . DUE TO THE DINNING ROOM OF THE SHERATON BEING CLOSED WE CAN  
NOT SERVE VEGATABLE PLATES . . . SORRY . . . WE PAY FOR ALL RESERVATIONS EVEN IF YOU DO NOT  
EAT AND THIS COME OUT OF OUR TREASURY!!!! . . . PLEASE CANCEL IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND. . . .

PROGRAM: RICHARD D DEVER, M. D., Assistant Editor of the Florida Medical Association JOURNAL.  
TOPIC: FMA JOURNAL AND LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN THE MAGAZINE'S AFFAIRS. Dr. Dever  
is also Vice-President, Medical Division of Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$6,588.58, Savings \$32,886.48, Petty Cash \$30.00.

Change of status from probationary to active will be voted on at the November meeting on  
S. V. Nagarathinam, M. D., Internist at Lehigh Acres.

E - Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider Seminar at Edison Community College on  
December 2-3, 1978 -- 16 hours of credit has been applied for through the FMA  
and AMA. If you are interested and need extra hours to complete your 150 hours  
needed for Cycle III contact the Continuing Education Dept. at Edison College.

MEDICAID - The Florida Medical Association is asking each Physician who has any SPECIFIC  
PROBLEMS WITH MEDICAID to forward them to Mr. John Richardson, P. O. Box 2411,  
Jacksonville, Florida 32203. These could include lengthy delays in payment,  
denial of payment for something that should have been covered, problems with  
personnel, or anything else that interferes with your providing medical care.

NOMINATIONS BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1979 OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT-ELECT -- Charles Eby  
Joseph P. O'Bryan

SECRETARY -- Edward Laird  
Barry Sell

TREASURER -- Lewis Lefer  
Quinn Purvis

CHAIRMAN, GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE  
John S. Bruno

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Ahmad Azam John Ritrosky  
Stuart Harrison Stephen Zellner

BOARD OF CENSORS (2) 3yr. Term

Gene Cox Robert Gerson  
R. H. Davis Stephen Machiz

DELEGATES (5)

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Larry P. Garrett  
J. Stewart Hagen  
F. L. Howington  
H. Q. Jones, Jr.  
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Michael Murray  
Joseph Zeterberg  
Barry Sell  
Samuel Smith

NOMINATION WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR  
AND ARE ENCOURAGED -- PLEASE SPEAK WITH  
THE NOMINEE FOR HIS OR HER APPROVAL  
BEFORE NOMINATING THEM FOR OFFICE.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OFFICE CLOSED FROM  
NOVEMBER 21 TO NOVEMBER 29, 1978  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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DECEMBER MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1978 SHERATON INN - JOINT MEETING WITH AUXILIARY\*\*\*  
Social Hour at 6:30 PM - The Auxiliary will provide a variety of Hors d'oeuvres for your enjoyment.\*\*\* Please make reservations for your spouse and yourself on the enclosed card.

(Please indicate if you are a vegetarian and we will try to serve you this

PROGRAM - Mr. William Frank Hammond, Coordinator of Science & Environmental Education, Lee County District School Board Environmental Education; Director of Junior Museum & Nature Center of Lee County.

TOPIC: ENDANGERED SPECIES

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$4,630.29, Savings \$32,886.48, Petty Cash \$30.00.  
Starting in January the meals at the Sheraton Inn will cost \$10.50 due to the rise in the price of meats and vegetables. We have not had but a .25 cent increase in the last three years and they can not serve us the type of food wanted for \$8.75.

JANUARY MEETING WILL BE AT SHELL POINT VILLAGE - They will serve a buffet dinner at 7:00PM. More information in our next Newsletter.

VOTER REGISTRATION TABLE will be set up at our meeting this month for you to change your address if you have moved or if you are new or never registered to voted NOW IS THE TIME. You will need your driver's license.

Now available in Hendry and Glades Counties --- Visiting Nurses Association --- Private, non-profit community service to help patients who are homebound and recovering from acute illnesses. Should you have need of this service for one of your patients in these counties please contact their office at 813-983-6837.

LEE COUNTY MEDICAL ASSISTANTS MEETING, Wednesday, December 13, 1978 at the Ft. Myers Community Hospital at 7:30 PM --- Speaker - Bill Conrod, Ft. Myers Fire Dept. TOPIC: CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSITATION. DOCTORS ENCOURAGE YOU OFFICE PERSONNEL TO ATTEND -- This is very important for them to know -- it could happen in your office.

Resigning from the Medical Society are Luis P. Lay, M. D. and Isaac S. D. Cruz, M. D.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1979:

PRESIDENT - CECIL C. BEEHLER, M. D.	TWO MEMBERS AT LARGE - STUART HARRISON, M. D.
PRES-ELECT - JOSEPH P. O'BRYAN, M. D.	STEPHEN ZELLNER, M. D.
SECRETARY - EDWARD C. LAIRD, M. D.	CHAIRMAN, GRIEVANCE - JOHN S. BRUNO, M. D.
TREASURER - QUINNON PURVIS, M. D.	BOARD OF CENSORS - GENE COX, M. D.
	ROBERT GERSON, M. D.

DELEGATES: CECIL C. BEEHLER, LARRY P. GARRETT, J. STEWART HAGEN, F. L. HOWINGTON AND H. QUILLIAN JONES, JR..

ALTERNATES: CAREY BARRY, MICHAEL MURRAY, JOSEPH ZETERBERG, BARRY SELL AND SAMUEL SMITH.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR  
ALL