

## 2026 FOMA LIVE & VIRTUAL CONVENTION FULL Alpha Bios (Updated: 1/30/2026)



**Asfa Akhtar, DO, FAOCD, FAAD**, is a board-certified dermatologist and a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology with over 15 years of experience in the field of dermatology. Currently, she works for Skin and Cancer Associates (SCA) and the Center for Cosmetic Enhancements, here in Florida. She is a compassionate, dedicated, and experienced dermatologist, renowned for her expertise in general and cosmetic dermatology. Her special interests in medicine include general and cosmetic dermatology, dermoscopy, hair loss, cutaneous surgery, skin of color, lasers, and facial rejuvenation.

Dr. Akhtar graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) with honors in biological research. While at UAB, she excelled in academics as well as research. She was named in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges” in addition to being inducted into several honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa and Golden Key National Honor Society. She pursued her medical education at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she graduated with honors. After medical school, Dr. Akhtar completed a residency in family practice at Palmetto General Hospital and got board certified in Family Practice before pursuing a second residency in dermatology at the Broward General Medical Center, where she was awarded the Best Resident Award and the Intendis Mentoring Award.

After completing residency, Dr. Akhtar joined Cleveland Clinic Florida, where she quickly established herself as a leader in the field and served as a staff dermatologist until her departure from academic dermatology in 2024. She has previously served in local leadership positions, including past President of the Broward County Dermatologic Society. Dr. Akhtar is a member of several medical associations, including the American Academy of Dermatology, Women’s Dermatologic Society, American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, and Florida Academy of Dermatology. Dr. Akhtar has contributed to numerous publications in dermatology journals and is frequently invited to speak at conferences.

Dr. Akhtar has served in faculty positions at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, Florida Atlantic University, and Case Western Reserve University. She trains dermatology and internal medicine residents. Dr. Akhtar has been awarded the Mentor Award from the Women’s Physician Staff Association at Cleveland Clinic and Mentor of the Year Award from the Broward General Dermatology Residency Program. Outside of her professional endeavors, Dr. Akhtar enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is fluent in other languages including Hindi and Urdu.



**Debra M. Barnett, MD**, attended medical school at the University of South Alabama and completed psychiatric training at the University of South Florida. After obtaining board certification in General Psychiatry, she obtained board certifications in Geriatric, Addiction, and Forensic Psychiatry. She achieved the APA designation of Distinguished Life Fellow. The Florida Psychiatric Society (FPS) has awarded her with Practitioner of the Year, and in 2025 she received the FPS Public Service Award. She has served as Chair of the Addiction Psychiatry Committee, Secretary, President, and is the Chair of the

Legislative Committee for FPS. She is a delegate to the FMA, and she is a Deputy Representative to the APA Assembly Area Councils. Previously, she was a Representative to the APA Assembly, where she authored numerous Action Papers. Currently, she sits on APA Council on Advocacy and Government Relations. She is also an officer for the Southern Psychiatric Association.



**Alison Bested, MD, FRCPC, ABOIM**, graduated with her medical degree from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. She received her Fellowship in Hematological Pathology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. She is also certified in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Hypnotherapy. She received her American Diplomate in Integrative Medicine in 2017.

Dr. Bested is an Associate Professor and the Director of Hyperbaric Medicine in the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine at Nova Southeastern University. She is the past Chair of Integrative Medicine and Student Research at NSU.

For the past 30 years, Dr. Bested has been devoted to treating patients with complex chronic medical conditions, including Myalgic Encephalomyelitis or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Post-COVID Syndrome and Fibromyalgia using an integrative medicine approach.

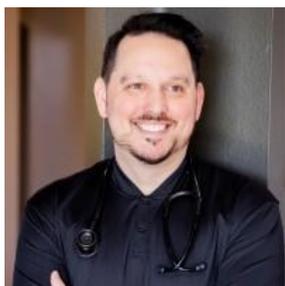
Dr. Bested coauthored two books: *Hope and Help for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome* and *The Complete Fibromyalgia Health Diet Guide and Cookbook*.

Her current research interest is focused on investigating the treatment of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for U.S. Veterans suffering from mild traumatic brain injury or post-concussion syndrome. She published *A Case Series of 39 United States Veterans with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Treated with Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy* Clinical and Translational Neuroscience.



**Markos Fleury**, Violence Prevention Educator, at Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), Inc. is dedicated to educating youth in Palm Beach County to implement social change by offering alternative choices to end violence and domestic abuse. Since 2010, he has worked with youth to enhance their education and provide positive mentoring to create future leaders in our community. His supporting role has encouraged our youth to participate in social change by taking positive initiatives in their communities. Markos provides workshops for youth, parents, and professionals on the dynamics of domestic violence to understand the root causes of violence and how to respond to survivors of domestic abuse. Through his role, he engages youth

to challenge the toxic masculinity messaging and establish and maintain healthy relationships.



**Kenneth Frye, DO**, is an accomplished emergency medicine physician in Orlando, FL, with exceptional leadership skills and expertise in his field. He served as Chief Resident during his residency, demonstrating his work ethic and dedication to patient care. After residency, he was hired as a Lead Physician with TeamHealth and quickly became known for his outstanding patient care.

Dr. Frye was given the opportunity to run the newly opened AdventHealth Lake Nona facility within a year of being hired, a testament to his exceptional leadership skills. He was later promoted to Assistant Facility Medical Director for AdventHealth East Orlando, Waterford Lakes, and Lake Nona, with a primary focus on the success of the Lake Nona facility.

Additionally, he was a featured presenter at the world's largest emergency medicine conference in 2018, where he shared his insights on emergency medicine with fellow healthcare providers. He has been recognized locally as an expert in emergency medicine and has been featured on news stations such as WESH2, FOX35, and WFTV.

Dr. Frye pursued an additional certification in Functional Sports Medicine with Dr. Ara Suppiah, a

medical pioneer in professional sports and the founder of the Functional Sports Medicine™ Institute. This certification expanded his skills and knowledge base, allowing him to provide more comprehensive care to his patients.

His dedication to patient care and excellence in his field have been recognized by his peers and colleagues. He received the Excellence in Patient Satisfaction Award in 2021 from TeamHealth and was recognized by the department of professionalism in 2020 from AdventHealth.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Frye enjoys soccer and salsa dancing. He grew up playing soccer and continues to be an avid fan of the sport. He has also danced salsa competitively and now helps train dancers at the Latin Passion Dance Academy.

Overall, Dr. Frye's exceptional leadership skills, dedication to patient care, and broad range of expertise make him a rising star in the field of emergency medicine.



**Treza Green**, Investigator, has been working with the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office since 2016, and is a native of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Investigator Green currently serves the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office as an Investigator and is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division's Special Victim's Unit (SVU). As an investigator, she is charged with investigating sexual crimes committed against children and adults, child abuse, sexual exploitation, crimes against the elderly, and human trafficking. She is considered a subject matter expert as it pertains to investigating sexual crimes involving children. Investigator Green also serves as the Primary Hostage Negotiator for the GCSO Hostage Negotiations Team, and agency-certified Firearms Instructor.

Prior to becoming employed with the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, Investigator Green served as a Correctional Probation Senior Officer for eleven years, with the Florida Department of Corrections, supervising Sex Offenders that were assigned to Community Control (House Arrest), as well as Drug Offender Probation and Drug Court. Additionally, she has served as a Law Enforcement Detective with the Office of Inspector General-FDC for three years, where her duties entailed investigating criminal complaints alleged against Correctional Officer's, Correctional Probation Officers, and Wardens assigned to different Correctional Institutions. Investigator Green is a proud alumnus of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, where she received her Bachelor of Art's Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Juvenile Justice. Her all-time quote is "In a world where you can be anything, always be yourself."



**Robert Hasty, DO, MACOI, FACP**, is Dean & Chief Academic Officer at Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Hasty attended the University of Miami where he completed his undergraduate studies with honors as a triple science major in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Chemistry and Biology in 1996. He then went on to receive his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2000.

He subsequently trained at Mt. Sinai Medical Center where he completed his training in Internal Medicine while receiving the Resident of the Year award for three straight years as well as receiving the Howard Kane Resident of the Year Award, being the first osteopathic physician ever to win that award in

over forty years of academic medical training at Mt. Sinai. During his training, he served as Chief Intern as well as Chief Resident.

Dr. Hasty began his career as a Hospitalist & Internist for Cogent Healthcare at Lee Memorial Health Systems in Fort Myers, FL. He soon became Associate Lead Physician for Cogent Healthcare. Dr.

Hasty had what he described as a “calling” to become an academic physician and joined NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine in March 2005. He served as the Founding Program Director of the Palmetto General Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Program and helped develop several other graduate medical education programs. He also served as the Vice Chair of the Internal Medicine Department at NSU. He was awarded the NSU Stuey Award for Co-Curricular Advisor of the Year in 2009. He was the recipient of the coveted Golden Apple Award by the graduation class of NSU-COM in 2008 and again in 2009 and 2011.

In 2013, Dr. Hasty became the Vice President of Medical Education and the Regional Associate Dean and later as Associate Dean for Postgraduate Affairs for Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine in North Carolina. During his tenure at Campbell University, he created 383 residency positions in 20 programs at 7 organizations and led the university to be awarded the AOA STAR award for the strategic planning that has created medical education opportunities in North Carolina for the next generation of osteopathic physicians. He has served on various boards, including the American College of Osteopathic Internists and the Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators. Dr. Hasty was the Founding Dean and Chief Academic Officer of the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM), Idaho’s first medical school.

Dr. Hasty was awarded the 2023 Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine Morton Morris, DO, JD Award as well as the 2024 Presidential Achievement Award by the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association for the work done creating the Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine (OCOM).

Dr. Hasty currently serves as the Dean & Chief Academic Officer of the Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine (OCOM) and is a Past President of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. Dr. Hasty is board certified in internal medicine and is a Master Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists as well a Fellow as the American College of Physicians.



**Anna Hayden, DO, FACFP** is a graduate of Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her internship at Humana Hospital Palm Beaches, her residency at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and a health policy fellowship at NYIT/Ohio University/AOA. She is board certified by The American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and is also credentialed by the American Academy of HIV Medicine as an HIV specialist. Most recently she became a Fellow of ACOFP. Leadership positions held include:

President of Broward County Osteopathic Medical Association-FOMA District Society 6, President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, President of American Association of Osteopathic Examiners, Chair ACHA Florida Medicaid Drug Utilization Review & Physician Prescribing Review Panel board, The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine - twice chair, Board of Directors of The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and FSMB nominating committee and Clinical Professor at NSU Dr Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine. Current positions include: Board of Governors for Broward County Osteopathic Medical Association, Board of Governors for Florida Society ACOFP, FOMA delegate to the American Osteopathic Association House of Delegates, Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine Probable Cause Panel – Chair, and NBOME various committees.

Dr. Hayden had been caring for the community of downtown Fort Lauderdale for more than 30 years at Broward Health-Specialty Care Center. Broward Health serves as a medical safety net for the community, caring for its vulnerable patients. The center serves as a training site for the next generation of osteopathic physicians. Recently, Dr. Hayden has transitioned into an administrative role as Medical Director at a managed care organization.



**Fritz Hayes**, is the Senior Pharmacist with the State of Florida's E-FORCSE prescription drug monitoring program. He has practiced in mail service and community pharmacy practice settings, holding various positions including clinical pharmacist, pharmacy manager, operations supervisor, quality assurance manager and regulatory services manager.

Fritz had the opportunity to serve on and chair the Florida Board of Pharmacy and has served on and chaired various committees of state and local pharmacy associations. He is a member of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, American Society of Pharmacy Law and the Florida Pharmacy Association.

In recognition of his service to the community and profession, Mr. Hayes has received the American Pharmacists Association's Bowl of Hygeia Award and the Florida Pharmacy Association's James H Beal Pharmacist of the Year Award.

Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida chapter of the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators as the Health Care Practitioner Liaison.



**Julia Jenkins, MD, FAAFP, DipABLM** is an Associate Program Director for the USF-Morton Plant Mease Family Medicine Residency program in Clearwater and serves as an Associate Professor at the USF-Morsani College of Medicine. She is affiliated with the BayCare Health System.

Dr. Jenkins earned her medical degree from the University of South Florida and completed her residency in Family Medicine at Bayfront Medical Center. She is board-certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and holds Diplomate status with the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine. Additionally, Dr. Jenkins was honored with the Degree of Fellow from the American Academy of Family Physicians and completed a Faculty Development Fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Her clinical interests encompass lifestyle and obesity medicine, lipidology and cardiovascular disease, telemedicine, leadership development, advocacy, and ophthalmology. Dr. Jenkins is deeply committed to physician education and regularly presents at local, regional, and national conferences on these subjects. She is grateful for the opportunity to impact patient lives on a broader scale through her work in academics.



**Joshua D. Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM**, is a medical director for Aetna's Florida market in the Southeast region and the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) Third Vice President and Trustee. He previously served as the senior vice president and chief medical officer for Broward Health, a four-hospital health care system. He also served as a hospitalist at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, where he achieved the rank of associate professor of medicine, anesthesiology and radiology, and was an associate program director for the internal medicine residency for nine years.

Dr. Lenchus is passionate about patient safety. In 2007, he developed an innovative curriculum focused on simulation-based invasive bedside procedural instruction. The program significantly improved the teaching and execution of medical procedures, reducing complications and enhancing patient safety. Recognized as a national expert in this area, Dr. Lenchus has shared his patient safety program with other institutions, including the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Virginia Commonwealth University.

He is a past president of the Florida Medical Association, where he was the first DO to hold this position, and a past president of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association. He is also a past Regent and current Fellow of the American College of Physicians, former Chair of the Public Policy Committee and current Senior Fellow of the Society of Hospital Medicine, and past vice chair for the AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Education.

Dr. Lenchus has received numerous awards throughout his career, including being inducted as a faculty member into the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society. He has also conducted numerous workshops at conferences, secured over \$2 million in grant funding and published his team's work in peer-reviewed journals. His contributions have earned him multiple teaching awards, including the prestigious 2016 BAYADA Award for Technological Innovation in Health Care Practice from Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions.

A highly sought-after public speaker at local, regional and national levels, Dr. Lenchus' areas of expertise include opioids and controlled substances, leadership, point-of-care ultrasound, politics and medicine, professionalism, wellness and legislative advocacy. He earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and his pharmacy degree from the University of Florida. He completed his internal medicine residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.



**Charlene LePane, DO, MBA, MSPH, FACG, FACOI**, graduated with a Diploma of Nursing in 1994, completed undergraduate studies from Auburn University in 1998, and received a Master of Science in Public Health from UAB in 1999. She graduated from KCUMB in 2004 and completed her Internal Medicine training at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, where she served as Chief Resident. She then served as Chief Fellow and completed her training in gastroenterology at St. John Oakland-Macomb

Hospital in Michigan. She is dual board-certified. Dr. LePane has published multiple case reports and original research in journals such as American Journal of Gastroenterology, Digestive Disease and Sciences, Gastroenterology and CRSLs. She has been active with FOMA since 2000, has recently served as District 3 president and continues to serve as a trustee. She is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and the American College of Gastroenterology. She has served as the section chair and section education chair for the ACOI and continues her commitment to several other committees. Dr. LePane is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine for UCF College of Medicine, LECOM, NSUKPCOM and KCUMB and actively participates in training and education. Currently, she works for AdventHealth in Orlando, Florida as a gastroenterologist and advanced endoscopist.



**Steven Licata, DO**, graduated from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1997. He completed a residency in Family Practice and Osteopathic Medicine at Broward General Medical Center, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and was board-certified in 2000. Dr. Licata completed requirements and became board-certified in neuromusculoskeletal medicine in December 2005. He has been the associate director at the Institute for Non-Surgical Orthopedics since 1996. He is currently an active member of AOA, AAO, ACOFP, FOMA, FAO, and the Cranial Academy. Dr. Licata is also certified in Musculoskeletal Ultrasound.

Dr. Licata is involved with teaching at NSUKPCOM and LECOM Bradenton. He serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor, being involved in teaching residents and students general medicine, sports medicine, manipulation, and injection techniques. Dr. Licata has been active in lecturing to physicians

at FAO and FOMA conferences on various subjects in osteopathic manipulation, neuromusculoskeletal medical management, and sports medicine.



**Albert A. Lopez, DO, FACP, FASPC**, is a graduate of George Washington University in Washington D.C., and Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine (now Nova - Southeastern University). He completed his internship at the University of New England's St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey, and completed his residency at the University of Pennsylvania's The Graduate Hospital in 1995.

Dr. Lopez joined Glasgow Medical Associates after residency and developed their hospitalist group based out of Christiana Medical Center in Wilmington, Delaware. From 1995 until 1997, he worked part-time as an ER Physician at University of Pennsylvania's The Graduate Hospital. He later relocated to Jacksonville, Florida, joining Baptist- St. Vincent's Medical System and developed Jacksonville's first viable hospitalist program, becoming their initial hospitalist medical director. During his time with the hospital system, he was lead physician for a seven-physician Internal Medicine office. He established an independent private practice in 2002: Lopez Internal Medicine Associates.

Dr. Lopez served as the Chief of Medicine for the Internal Medicine section at St Vincent's Medical Center. At St. Vincent's he served on the hospital's IRB board, physician order entry pilot program, medical bylaws committee, medical safety assessment task force, pharmaceutical and therapeutics committee, and its primary care joint management committee. For over a decade, he served on BCBS pharmaceutical & therapeutics committee.

Dr. Lopez has been active within his community, serving on several committees for the Boy Scouts of North Florida council and served on Jacksonville Mayor's Hispanic American advisory board as a member and chairman under Mayors Delaney and Peyton. He was the medical director for the Federal Reserve, Jacksonville branch from 2004-2005. He has been team physician for several high school football and baseball teams, University of North Florida's men's and women's basketball and men's baseball, as well as several semi-pro teams; including Jacksonville's Tomcats (arena football), and Jacksonville's Lizard Kings ice hockey team.

Currently, Dr. Lopez is the lead physician at Millennium Physician Group's Roosevelt office in Jacksonville, Florida. He has served on community and city advisory boards, as well as national and international medical advisory boards. He was part of American College of Physicians (ACP) immunization champions, and active in American Society for Preventive Cardiology's (ASPC) Docmatters interactive discussion forum. He was a founding member of Heart Attack and Stroke Prevention Alliance. Dr. Lopez served on FOMA's diversification committee, membership committee and Academic, Quality and Compliance committee. He was physician advisor to Health Impact, a disease management and health information system for corporations and their employees. He also served on the Wellness Council of North Florida's board of directors. He also serves on a multi-marker, early detection cancer testing advisory board. He is a national speaker on cardiovascular, liver, and kidney diseases, as well as diabetes, lipids and lipoprotein a. He has led educational talks to physicians, medical students, nurse practitioners and the community. His most recent sessions have been delivered to communities most at risk for elevated lipoprotein a.

Dr. Lopez has been a sub-investigator for many studies, involving MALD, cardiovascular outcomes, heart failure, lipids, obesity, and migraine. He has been a Principal Investigator for multiple cardiovascular outcome studies, including Novartis' Victorion and Victorion-2 PREVENT trial with Pelacarsen for reduction of Lp(a) and cardiovascular disease; The Medicines Company's ORION 10

and 11 Inclisiran trial for LDL reduction and cardiovascular outcomes; Esperion's Bempedoic acid CLEAR trial for lipid reduction and CLEAR Outcomes trial for cardiovascular reduction; and Amgen's Ocean(a) trial for reduction of Lp(a) and cardiovascular outcomes.

He is a member of the National Lipid Association, American Society for Preventive Cardiology, American College of Physicians, AOA, and FOMA. He is adjunct clinical faculty for Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (Bradenton campus) and LMU DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has been a clinical preceptor for several other osteopathic medical schools and numerous NP programs. Dr. Lopez is a Fellow of ASPC and ACP. He is CEO of Real Life Health – a personalized cardio-metabolic risk assessment program.

Dr Lopez has a passion for lipids, cardio-metabolic prevention, sports performance/medicine, hand-tool woodworking, painting and orchids.



**Jesse Lopez, Jr., DO, FACOS**, obtained his undergraduate degree in chemistry at William Jewell College in Liberty Missouri, and then attended medical school at the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (formerly UHS-COM), where he obtained his doctorate in Osteopathic medicine. He then pursued his general and trauma surgery training in Chicago through the Chicago Osteopathic Health Care Systems.

Dr. Lopez is a traditionally trained physician who believes in a holistic approach to healthcare and healing. Combining the best of both worlds, Dr. Lopez has practiced surgery and medicine over the past 32 years with the philosophy that one must consider all aspects of an individual's physical, emotional and spiritual needs in order to facilitate healing. His expertise in integrated surgical and medical care allows the patient to utilize multiple modalities to facilitate their healing. This cutting-edge concept led to the formation of his clinics, Inspiration Health and Wellness and Heartland Surgical Care.

Dr. Lopez is a board certified general surgeon. His areas of expertise include: bariatric and general surgery, endoscopy, medical weight loss, bio-identical hormone and replacement therapy and metabolic medicine, regenerative cellular therapies, cannabinoids, and aesthetics.

Dr. Lopez's professional memberships include: the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (Fellow), the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine, the American Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery, the American Academy of Anti-aging Medicine, the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, and American Association of Physicians and Surgeons.



**Julia Marian, MD, FAAP**, is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at LECOM Bradenton and the founder of Sunflower Assessments LLC. She completed her Pediatric residency at Flushing Hospital Medical Center and an additional year of Developmental Behavioral Pediatric fellowship training at the University of Arizona. Dr. Marian is board certified in general pediatrics with a special interest in neurodevelopmental disabilities and developmental pediatrics. She completed the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and other related Disabilities (AzLEND) training program at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Marian started her teaching career at the University of Central Florida, where she taught at the College of Medicine as well as the College of Health Professions for over six years. She joined LECOM Bradenton in 2022, teaching medical students in all four years of the education, across all LECOM campuses. Dr. Marian is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a faculty member of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners in the pediatric department. She

has also been an educational speaker on the topics of neurodevelopmental disabilities and developmental pediatrics for the American Academy of Pediatrics and Florida Osteopathic Medical Association. During her free time, Dr. Marian enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and having fun outdoors – especially the beach!



**Darren McAuley, DO, MMEL**, received his undergraduate degree in biology from Vassar College in 1997 and graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – School of Osteopathic Medicine in 2002. After completing his residency in osteopathic manual medicine and neuromusculoskeletal medicine at Plainview Hospital in Plainview New York, he completed a sports medicine fellowship at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Reading Pennsylvania in 2007. Dr. McAuley sat for and passed the pain medicine boards in 2013. In addition to the three active board certifications, Dr.

McAuley received a master’s degree in medical education and leadership and a fellowship through the American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine. His professional passions include the utilization of imaging to achieve objective confirmation of anatomical changes after osteopathic manual medicine and performing a wide array of ultrasound guided procedures. Dr. McAuley has been in the Air National Guard for 25 years. He currently functions as the Florida State Air Surgeon and principal medical advisor to the Adjuvant General-Air. He is an avid bodybuilder and enjoys spending time with family and friends.



**Kevin Miller, DO** is a board-certified Family Practitioner with Osteopathic training. He earned his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996 and completed an Osteopathic teaching fellowship. Dr. Miller moved to the Pacific Northwest with his physician wife, where he co-founded Diabetes Nation, a non-profit organization, and Diabetes and Obesity Care, where he currently practices.

With over 25 years in medical practice, Dr. Miller has held various roles, including president, CME director, and health policy advocate for the Osteopathic Medical Association of Oregon over a 20-year period. He has served on the board of delegates for the AOA and ACOFP. He completed a Osteopathic Health Care Policy Fellowship in 2023. He and his wife are also founders and board members of Type 1 Buddy Camp, which will celebrate its 10th camp in August 2024.

Dr. Miller is a family physician at heart, and he has dedicated much of his career to caring for individuals as a small-town primary care provider. He has a special interest in disease prevention and in prediabetes. In 2023 he presented on diabetes prevention at the 83rd ADA Scientific Sessions. Following the presentation he developed the module on diabetes prevention for Diabetes is Primary and currently serves as chair of Diabetes is Primary for the ADA. With a strong background in quality improvement, Dr. Miller continues to provide valuable insights and knowledge to help primary care providers find greater success in their care of patients.



**Karen Nichols, DO, MA, MACOI, MACP, CS-F**, is a Past Chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Board of Directors, serving from 2020-2022, following six years as a board member. She was Dean of Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine - 2002-2018. She was Chair of Internal Medicine at MWU/AZCOM and Assistant Dean for GME from 1997-2002. Her academic career followed 17 years in the private practice of internal medicine in Arizona. She holds a master's degree in management with a specialty in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University.

Dr. Nichols has received the highest awards from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine as well as KCU-COM. She received the AOF Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023. Dr. Nichols holds nine honorary degrees.

She has served as President of the AOA, the American College of Osteopathic Internists, and the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, being the first woman to hold these positions. Having made over 900 presentations, Dr. Nichols also speaks nationally on her book "Physician Leadership: The 11 Skills Every Doctor Needs to be an Effective Leader."



**Rashard Perry**, Violence Prevention Educator at Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), graduated from University of South Florida with a bachelor's degree in criminology and a minor in Psychology. His career in violence prevention work began during his undergraduate at USF as a peer educator for the Center for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention. During that time, he gained years of experience providing education and facilitating trainings to students, faculty, and staff on topics such as the dynamics of domestic and dating violence. In 2019, Rashard began working with AVDA as a victim advocate in the shelter setting providing the necessary services of advocacy, education, and safety planning to

survivors of domestic abuse and their children within the community. As he continued to work on the frontlines of intervention, behind the mission to help end the perpetration of violence within relationships, Rashard realized the value and importance of accessibility to resources for all survivors. After over a year of experience, he transitioned to the Outreach Services department as a Violence Prevention Educator. Uniting his knowledge and experience as an advocate and educator, Rashard's passion increases daily for engaging young men and women as leaders in their own communities to bring awareness to understanding the dynamics of abuse and the cycle of violence in order to be a stakeholder in creating the social change to end intimate partner violence.

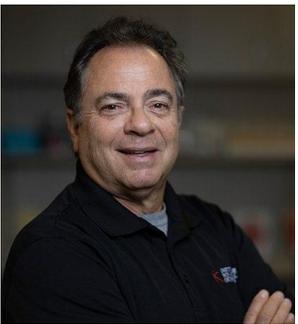


**Rachel Pevsner Crum, DO** is a 2005 graduate of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. After her radiology residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, she completed her Pediatric Radiology Fellowship at Nicholas Children's Hospital in Miami, FL (formerly Miami Children's). She stayed on as an attending pediatric radiologist and became specialized in pediatric interventional and musculoskeletal radiology and eventually became the Chief of Ultrasound and Nuclear Medicine sections. Currently, Dr. Pevsner is Medical Director of Pediatric Radiology and pediatric radiologist at Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters in Norfolk, Virginia. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Medical Center radiologists (MCR). She is an ABR certified Diagnostic Radiologist as well as an ABR certified Subspecialty Pediatric Radiologist.



**William Provance, DO, FACG**, is a board-certified gastroenterologist practicing gastroenterology and hepatology in Naples, Florida, at Naples Comprehensive Hospital. He earned his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1987 and completed his internal medicine residency and gastroenterology fellowship at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After spending most of his early career in Pennsylvania, Dr. Provance relocated to Florida, where he completed a Hepatology sub-fellowship at the University of Miami, Jackson Hospital. A dedicated educator, Dr. Provance has held multiple academic positions while

remaining active in clinical practice, including associate professor of medicine positions at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and the University of Central Florida.



**Joel Stein, DO, FAAO, FAOASM, FACOFP**, graduated from KCOM, now known as A. T. Still University, in 1983. He was an undergraduate fellow in the departments of Anatomy and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at KCOM. After finishing Family Practice training at Humana Hospital South Broward, he became full time faculty at what is now Nova-Southeastern Kiran Patel University College of Osteopathic Medicine. In private practice since 1987, he is the Medical Director of an eight doctor multispecialty group called the “Institute for Non-Surgical Orthopedics” in Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, Delray Beach, Hialeah and South Miami, Florida. He has Hospital Affiliations with

Holy Cross, Broward Health, Larkin Community, Larkin Palm Springs and serves on the Board and as Chair of the NMM Department at Larkin Community Hospital and Larkin Palm Springs.

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