

First Coast Medical News – Winter 2009

Congratulations to 2009 Health Care Heroes!

Fourteen DCMS members were honored at the 2009 *Jacksonville Business Journal's* Health Care Heroes Awards Breakfast on November 5, 2009. The following DCMS physicians were recognized for their achievements in the community and to the medical profession: Lifetime Achievement – **Hector James, MD/Community Service** – **Nicholas Dodaro, MD; Joan Huffman, MD/Orthopedics** – **Kevin Neal, MD; William Pujadas, MD; Paul Shirley, MD/Pediatrics** – **Norberto Benitez, MD; Eric Ceithaml, MD; Mobeen Rathore, MD/Physicians** – **Lyndon Box, MD; Jeffrey Scott Johns, MD/Surgeons** – **John Crump, MD; Eric Frykberg, MD; Robert Still, MD.** Congratulations to all of these physicians!

Dr. Andrew Kerwin Promoted

DCMS member Andrew Kerwin, MD, was promoted to chief of the University of Florida College of Medicine Division of Acute Care Surgery. Dr. Kerwin is board certified in surgery as well as surgical critical care. He joined the UF Department of Surgery in 2001 and is currently director of the hospital's trauma program. Congratulations, Dr. Kerwin!

DCMS / DCMS Alliance Family Holiday Party

The DCMS and the DCMS Alliance opened DCMS Headquarters to all DCMS members, residents, medical students and their families for a Holiday Party on December 7. Following the DCMS Board of Directors meeting, a crowd gathered to enjoy music, beverages & heavy hors d'oeuvres, while the kids had pictures with Santa, ate goodies & won prizes from Santa's Elf. Thanks to the DCMS Alliance for planning this fun event.

2010 DCMS Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the 2010 DCMS Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21 from 5:45 – 9:00 PM at the Jacksonville Municipal Stadium TouchDown Club West. As in previous years, the evening will include exhibitors, an expanded poster research section, dinner, awards, and the instillation of incoming President, John Kilkenny, III, MD. See the journal and website for more information, as well as a registration form.

CME Program on Parkinson's Disease

The Duval County Medical Society Foundation is sponsoring a CME (1.0 hour credit), January 28, 2010 on "Clinical Genetics of Parkinson's Disease". The event is at Epping Forest Yacht Club with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the program at 7:00 p.m. Keynote speaker is Zbigniew K. Wszolek, MD, Professor of Neurology at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville. Support for this program is provided through an educational grant from Teva Pharmaceuticals. Reservations are required and seating is limited to the first 50 participants. (DCMS members only) Contact Patti at 355-6561 x104 or email admin@dcmsonline.org. Go to dcmsonline.org for a registration form and submit it by January 15.

Resident Research Journal Issue Planned

In response to its success in 2009, the DCMS will be publishing a Resident's Research journal (2nd Quarter *Northeast Florida Medicine*). NEFM's Resident's Research issue will be guest edited by Dr. Bracken Burns. Abstracts are welcome

from DCMS resident members. Contact Dr. Burns (brackens.burns@jax.ufl.edu) any questions.

2010 Call for Posters

DCMS is hosting the Second Annual Scientific Poster Session in 2010. Deadline for poster submissions is Friday, January 15, 2010 and all members are welcome to submit posters which will be presented at the January 21, 2010 DCMS Annual Meeting. Download the abstract submission form at dcmsonline.org and direct any questions you may have to Mr. Jay Millson. (jmillson @dcmsonline.org)

Community Hospice Welcomes New Leadership

Community Hospice of Northeast Florida recently names new leadership for its medical, nursing and business development operations. Stephen J. Clark, MD, is the new chief medical officer; Mary McElroy, RN, MS is the new chief nursing officer; and Felisa Savage is the new director of business development.