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Weekly News Bulletin of the Orange County Medical Society  
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### WELCOME TO KEVIN SHERIN, MD, MPH 102<sup>ND</sup> PRESIDENT OF OCMS

Kevin Sherin, MD, MPH was sworn in as the 102<sup>nd</sup> President of the Orange County Medical Society at the annual installation of officers held on Saturday, January 9, 2010. Dr. Sherin has been Director of Public Health for the Orange County Health Department since 2004. He is also President of the American Association of Public Health Physicians and President of the Florida Association of County Health Officers. He is board certified in Preventive Medicine, Public Health, and Family Medicine.

Dr. Sherin stated: "As the new decade begins, the Orange County Medical Society has an unprecedented opportunity to help lead positive changes for our medical community and our patients. We will partner with others and develop local strategies for health care reform which serve to benefit all of our patients. We will help align physician members for expanded use of electronic medical records and e-prescribing, which reduce errors, reduce costs, and improve patient safety. The Central Florida Regional Health Information Organization going live will give us a great new opportunity to reach out to all of our county's physicians to develop better access, reduced costs, and reduced health care disparities in our growing and diverse community."

### ANNOUNCING OCMS OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2010

#### Officers

President – Kevin Sherin, MD  
President Elect – Siva Sivanesan, MD  
Vice President – Ravi Jahagirdar, MD  
Secretary – Sarah Willard, MD  
Treasurer – Lawrence Halperin, MD  
Immediate Past President – Arnold Einhorn, MD

#### Board of Directors

David Bello, MD  
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Steven Rosenberg, MD  
Tiffany Williams, FSU Medical Student Representative  
Ann Lopez, OCMS Alliance Co-President  
Renuka Sivanesan, OCMS Alliance Co-President

### UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 20, 2010

Board Meeting  
6:30pm – 7:30 pm  
FSU College of Medicine  
*Please note the new location!*

March 10, 2010

Spring Quarterly Meeting  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Location TBD

### AID FOR HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS HOW OCMS MEMBERS CAN HELP

The Mid-Florida chapter of the American Red Cross advises that the most effective way for the Central Florida community to support the recovery effort is to make a donation to the American Red Cross International Relief Fund. You can do this by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit our local chapter's website at [www.midfloridaredcross.org](http://www.midfloridaredcross.org). Mobile donors can text "Haiti" to 90999 to send a \$10 donation to the Red Cross with the funds going to support the relief efforts in Haiti.

Most organizations currently deploying volunteers to Haiti are only using those who are previously registered and trained. Medical professionals who wish to become involved for future disasters may register with the Florida Department of Health's State Emergency Responders and Volunteers of Florida (SERVFL). You can register on their website at [www.servfl.com](http://www.servfl.com).

### REVISED GUIDANCE ON FLU TESTING

The Florida Department of Health has issued a revised guidance document for clinicians related to influenza testing, antiviral treatment, and surveillance. The document is posted on the DOH external H1N1 swine flu website at [www.myfluesafety.com](http://www.myfluesafety.com) under the "Healthcare Professionals" section.

### JANUARY 30 CME SEMINAR CANCELLED

Due to lack of registrants, we have had to cancel our CME Seminar that was to be held on January 30. Please let us know if you are interested in seeing more CME events in the future by calling our office at (407) 622-8188 or e-mail Lane Mahood, Executive Director at [lmahood@ocms.org](mailto:lmahood@ocms.org). At OCMS we are striving to offer relevant and useful member benefits. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see us provide that would be of value to you.