

A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS FROM OCMS PRESIDENT KEVIN SHERIN, MD

It is an honor to serve you as the 102nd President of the Orange County Medical Society. Our society has a long and distinguished history of service to our medical community. OCMS has a very recent history of great progress for Florida on malpractice and tort reform amendments. 1990's OMCS President, Cecil Wilson MD, FACP of Winter Park, a past FMA President, has now been named as the President-elect of the AMA to become the AMA President in June. This creates a great opportunity for us in the Orange County Medical Society at this crucial time.

The Massachusetts election results are a blue moon event for our country. A Republican Senator being elected from the Bay State with a map that turns red happens once in a "blue moon." There was a true blue moon on Dec 31st—two full moons in December. Senator Scott Brown's election could send health reform back to the drawing board. For OCMS and the AMA this could mean delays in health care reform and real opportunities for OCMS to have input into the process. Now is the time for all physicians in Orange County to join OCMS and its committees.

The legislative affairs committee will be chaired by Dr. Ernest Page, an ER physician who has worked with the Florida College of Emergency Physicians on tort reform. Dr. Page was nominated by Congresswoman Brown to be the U.S. surgeon general a year ago and he is very excited to now serve your OCMS. Spread the word and get involved with OCMS today. Our time to make a difference for medicine and our patients has come. OCMS will be providing regular updates on the Haiti relief efforts, the medical needs and the most reputable points for donation or service. Use Facebook to spread the word about all that is happening in OCMS.

I look forward to a great year in serving you all in 2010, the Blue Moon year.



Kevin Sherin MD, OCMS President



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Become a fan of the Orange County Medical Society on Facebook to see photos from our recent Installation Dinner and receive updates on news and events.

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 10, 2010

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

April 14, 2010

Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
FSU College of Medicine

AID FOR HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS - HOW OCMS MEMBERS CAN HELP

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

AAOS is seeking trauma surgeons, pediatric orthopaedists, and nurses who are willing to go to Haiti. They are also seeking donations of medical equipment. Details are posted on their website at www.aaos.org/haiti.

Doctors Without Borders

While Doctors Without Borders is currently utilizing their existing pool of aid workers for the Haiti earthquake, they are always seeking applications for qualified medical professionals to work in the field in Haiti or more than 60 other countries. You can apply on their website at www.doctorswithoutborders.org/work/field.

Center for International Disaster Information

Visit their website at www.cidi.org for guidance on appropriate disaster relief and to register any goods or services you have to offer.

American Red Cross

You can make a cash donation to the Red Cross's International Relief Fund by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting our local chapter's website at 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.

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. 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.