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BRAD PRECHTL, MBA, CEO:

As we settle into this new decade, I have been reflecting on the many improvements and innovations we have seen over the past 10 years. I am extremely proud that Florida Cancer Specialists has been at the forefront of advancing the body of knowledge about cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society's 2020 Trends Report, the death rate from cancer in the U.S. has declined by 29% since 1991, primarily due to advancements in early detection and treatment, as well as declining smoking rates. In this issue of FCS Magazine, Medical Oncologists Dr. Maen Hussein and Dr. Andy Lipman provide more insight into the progress being made.

Also in this issue, you will meet one of our dedicated employees, Javarius Philon, who began his career at FCS as a member of the night janitorial staff. He took advantage of the many development opportunities we offer, and today he is the lead medical assistant at our FCS Tampa Cancer Center. Employees like Javarius are one of the main reasons why FCS has been so successful in providing world-class care at nearly 100 locations across the state.



LUCIO GORDAN, MD, PRESIDENT & MANAGING PHYSICIAN:

When we began preparing this issue of FCS Magazine at the start of 2020, we could not have foreseen that we would soon be in the midst of such an historical and challenging time, facing uncertainty and very real concern for our own personal safety and well-being as well as that of our families and loved ones, co-workers and patients.

Because of the strength, support and commitment of our 3,900-plus team members, FCS continues to provide personalized, compassionate, world-class care to our patients without significant disruption.

Early on, our FCS executive leadership team mobilized all of our resources to support our mission and to ensure that FCS remains a safe place to work, provide and receive quality care.

- Our swift effort to transition as many members of our staff as possible to work from home was a critical step to help minimize spread.
- We were among the first community oncology groups in the country to launch Telehealth for patients. Through a simple web link using either a computer or cell phone, patients are able to connect with their FCS physician or other care providers from home, safely and securely, helping to reduce the potential spread or exposure to illness.
- Our stringent screening protocols have been effective in identifying anyone exhibiting symptoms of illness or who may have had exposure to COVID-19 and directing them to the necessary precautions and next steps.

We are learning more about COVID-19 every day and following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health. We continue to share timely information through regular updates internally, in our practices, on our website at FLCancer.com/Coronavirus and on our FCS social media sites.

On behalf of myself, FCS CEO Brad Prechtel, our executive board and our executive leadership team, I want to thank each of you for your tireless efforts and commitment to our patients and to one another during this unprecedented pandemic.

With one mission and as one team, I am confident in our ability to continue providing exceptional care to our patients and communities.



Left to right: Dr. Roy Ambinder, Dr. Manish Patel, Dr. Lynn Van Ummersen, Dr. Shekeab Jauhari, Dr. Maen Hussein, Dr. Shemin Gupta, Dr. Victor Melgen, Brad Precchl, Dr. Ernesto Bustinza, Nathan Walcker, Lake Mary Mayor David Meador, Inga Gonzalez, Katie Goodman, Dr. Judy Wang, Shelly Glenn, Dr. Marinely Cruz-Amy



New Cancer Care Pathways Lead to Central Florida

Florida Cancer Specialists opening new doors to innovative cancer treatment

BY MARK ZALOUDEK

Cancer patients throughout Central Florida have more opportunities than ever for treatment and participation in cutting-edge research close to home, thanks to the proven success of the 15-year partnership between Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute (FCS) and Sarah Cannon Research Institute, a worldwide leader in clinical trials.

The latest achievement is a state-of-the-art research facility in Lake Mary, which offers cancer patients early access to investigational drugs and therapies that could lead to new and better treatment options.

The Sarah Cannon Research Institute Drug Development Unit (DDU) at FCS opened in February, just north of Orlando. The first DDU — based in Sarasota under the leadership of Manish R. Patel, MD, director of drug development — has been conducting Phase 1 clinical trials for almost a decade.

"We have grown quite rapidly in Sarasota," Dr. Patel said. "We currently have more than 60 Phase 1 trials open in Sarasota, and almost 300 new patients were treated last year on Phase 1 trials. We hope to accomplish the same in Lake Mary over time.

"There isn't another community-based group in Florida that is able to offer the clinical research opportunities that we have through our partnership with Sarah Cannon. In fact, there aren't many centers in the country, including university-based centers, that do as well. We are truly fortunate."

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at Florida Cancer Specialists

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Dr. Ernesto Bustinza-Linares, left, and Dr. Shekeab Jauhari, right

Larger Facility to Serve Growing Region

The newest Drug Development Unit is under the same roof as the new, 25,000-square-foot FCS Lake Mary Cancer Center. With clinic space nearly 10 times larger than its former Lake Mary facility, FCS has expanded both the range of services and the number of patients it can serve.

The FCS Lake Mary Cancer Center team includes seven medical oncologists, joined by advanced practitioners and support staff. In addition to on-site diagnostic imaging, patients with various forms of cancer, blood disorders and other conditions also have access to FCS' centralized pathology lab, in-house oral oncolytic specialty pharmacy, and care management services.

With nine exam rooms and 31 treatment chairs, the new facility significantly increases the practice's ability to provide convenient access to the newest and most advanced treatments close to home.

"By bringing clinical cancer care, research and diagnostics under one roof, we are providing our patients with convenient access to a robust menu of personalized treatments for their individual needs," said FCS medical

oncologist Dr. Victor Melgen. "As members of this community, we care deeply and share a strong commitment to ensuring that the availability of exceptional, compassionate and innovative cancer care is always one step away."

Leading the Phase 1 clinical trials in Lake Mary is medical oncologist/hematologist Shekeab Jauhari, MD, associate director of drug development. "Through our Phase 1 trials, we will be able to treat patients with innovative therapies, to attack cancer along new pathways," Dr. Jauhari said. "We intend to provide these trial options to oncologists to support the care of their patients throughout our region and the state."

Expanding our Network

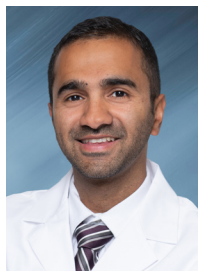
The Lake Mary facility at 805 Currency Circle is the newest addition to an FCS network that now spans nearly 100 locations statewide from Tallahassee to Palm Beach. Helping it carry out its mission are more than 230 physicians and 220 advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants, who also help patients find clinical trials that best suit their needs.

FCS Director of Clinical Research Katie Goodman, RN, BSN, CCRP, is passionate about the potential of the





Manish Patel, MD
Director of Drug
Development



Shekeab Jauhari, MD
Associate Director of
Drug Development



Katie Goodman, RN,
BSN, CCRP
Director of Clinical
Research



Lake Mary DDU. "The new facility in Lake Mary was built with the Phase 1 patient and provider experience in mind," she said. "We have created workspaces that allow us to manage patient care as well as the necessary administrative support. The ability to have all aspects of managing this type of trial in one building will support a more successful program overall. An example of this includes the need to process, store and ship large numbers of lab samples, and we have included work areas for the teams that will support this function of clinical research."

As Dr. Patel sees it, "We'll have more innovative, cutting-edge therapies that will involve more options for patients and oncologists, but also advance the medical community in and around Orlando by involving multiple specialties."

CANCER PATIENT CHERISHES BEING 'PART OF THE TEAM'

For Bonnie Scalley, her cancer treatment is all about teamwork. She says her doctors and other medical staff at FCS have "an incredible willingness to share information" and have encouraged her to be an active member of the team since she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2014.

That's led to her participation in multiple clinical trials. The cheerful 72-year-old lives in the southwest Florida community of Lake Suzy and is currently involved in an immunotherapy combination trial.

"Hopefully it works for me," she says of her willingness to push the boundaries of medical science. "And second of all, we learn more, and may find something that either sustains a person's quality of life or that actually makes the cancer go away."

Best of all, it may be working. "This ovarian cancer is tough," she says after two surgeries, including a hysterectomy, "but in the past six months, I probably feel more like myself than before any of the surgeries. As long as this lasts, I'm grateful."

It also means a lot to her husband of 51 years and their two daughters and two grandchildren, especially since Scalley has a long history with FCS as a 17-year, breast-cancer survivor. FCS medical oncologist Dr. Vance Wright-Browne has referred her for numerous trial possibilities and she's currently under the care of Dr. Manish Patel, who oversees all Phase 1 clinical trials as the FCS director of drug development.

"I can't tell you without getting emotional that they are such a gift, the whole team with Dr. Patel and the oncology nurses and the lab techs. They're amazing!" Scalley said. "It's been a great journey with them, and I'm feeling terrific — which is really exciting."





Employee Spotlight

Javarius Philon

BY KARI C. BARLOW

Javarius Philon knows a thing or two about hard work paying off.

Like many young people, the Tampa native wasn't quite sure what he wanted to do after graduating from Leto High School in 2009. Eventually, he was hired by ServiceMaster Clean, which held the janitorial contract for multiple Florida Cancer Specialists locations.

That's where he came to know Helga Von Greiff-Cobian, who was an office manager at one of the FCS offices he cleaned. "She was always at the site working late, and we would talk," he said. As FCS was preparing to open its Tampa Cancer Center on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Helga made sure Javarius went with her to the new two-story, 35,000-square-foot property, where she now serves as senior office manager. "It was really nice," Javarius recalled. "Everything was new, and it was huge."

Dependable and hard-working, Javarius would show up in the evenings, sporting his ever-present earphones, and making sure the facility was spotless for staff and patients the following day. "I always cleaned better to R&B," he says with a grin. "Usher was my go-to." But after a couple of years, he became restless. "I was getting tired of cleaning," he said. "I didn't mind the hard labor, but I wanted something more."

Javarius decided to earn his certification as a patient care and phlebotomy technician at Ultimate Medical Academy in Tampa. The accelerated program took almost a full year to complete, and he continued to work for ServiceMaster Clean the entire time. "It went by quickly," he said. "I was doing janitorial work at night and school during the day."



Patient interaction is what Javarius loves most about his job. Sometimes working in oncology can be sad, but during those times, he focuses on making sure patients feel comforted and cared for.

It was a rigorous schedule, but Javarius knew he was working toward something worthwhile. "I chose the medical field because it will always be around," he said. "You get to help people, and that's one thing I love to do."

Along the way he shared his plans with Helga, and she encouraged him to come see her about a job at FCS after he graduated. "He was so honest and such a hard worker," she said. "We all wanted him to have an opportunity with FCS."

When Javarius earned his certification in 2014, he wasted no time in contacting Helga, who directed him to job postings on FLCancer.com. Within a couple of weeks, he was invited to shadow an existing employee and learn about medical assisting and was soon hired into a full-time position.

"I loved it at first sight," he said. And when Javarius reported for work at the flagship building, he felt right at home. "I couldn't get lost," he points out.

Today, Javarius is the lead medical assistant at the FCS Tampa Cancer Center and a valued employee. Two years after starting his position, he was presented

the FCS Operational Excellence Award in recognition for "hard work, effort and unyielding compassion" in serving patients and representing the organization's core values.

"He is a wonderful young man and such a success story," Helga says, "I am so proud of him." She adds, "He's so caring with patients. Often, when he is leaving for the day, I will see him sit down with a patient outside and just talk with them."

"You just try to make them feel good," said Javarius, who is open to continuing his education. "I let them know they are doing the best thing getting treatment here. I treat everyone like I want to be treated."

Although much has changed since his earliest days at FCS, he also still checks in regularly with Helga.

"We talk all the time!" he said. "She's kind of like a mom and tells me she's proud of me. She's seen my whole journey."



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As Cancer Mortality Rates Improve, So Too Does Treatment

BY PRATT FARMER

Oncologists encourage their patients to look to the future during treatment. The American Cancer Society's Cancer Facts & Figures 2020 study suggests that the future is indeed looking brighter.

The in-depth annual report shows that, in the U.S., the death rate from cancer has declined by 29% over the past 18 years. A 2.2% decline from 2016–17 ranks as the largest single-year drop ever recorded.

While lung cancer is still the leading cause of cancer death, the outlook is positive, according to FCS medical oncologist Dr. Maen Hussein.

"When I was completing my fellowship in 2005, the average life expectancy for stage 4 lung cancer was maybe 10-to-12 months. Now, just 15 years later, the average has risen to three years," says Dr. Hussein, who practices in Tavares and The Villages. He points out that many of today's treatments are not as hard on the body as they once were, and he delights in seeing more and more of his lung cancer patients living life to the fullest while undergoing treatment.

While many factors have contributed to the improvements, the most significant, according to Dr. Hussein, is the heightened understanding

of immunotherapy and advancements in DNA testing technology. "Being able to analyze a cancer gene and finding specific medicines to target that gene has helped tremendously," he said. "Treatment options will continue to evolve as researchers learn more about genomes and how to bolster the immune system."

Clinical trials remain an important part of the equation. "Our association with Sarah Cannon Research Institute has greatly impacted our ability to provide the latest in cancer treatment, and it has also created a conduit whereby we can share clinical data with their researchers," says Dr. Hussein. "The more information we can share, the better the future will be for cancer patients."

FCS medical oncologist Dr. Andy Lipman, who cares for patients in the Naples and Bonita Springs offices, echoes Dr. Hussein. "One of my specialties is the treatment of melanoma," says Dr. Lipman. "Some of the more remarkable advances in this type of cancer in the adjuvant setting is replacing old standards of care — most notably Interferon and Ipilimumab — with treatments including intralesional therapy, T-VEC, isolated limb perfusion therapy and systemic therapy, which is the use of BRAF-directed therapy. This particular form of treatment interferes with the way cancer cells grow, divide and spread, along with a standard option of immunotherapy."

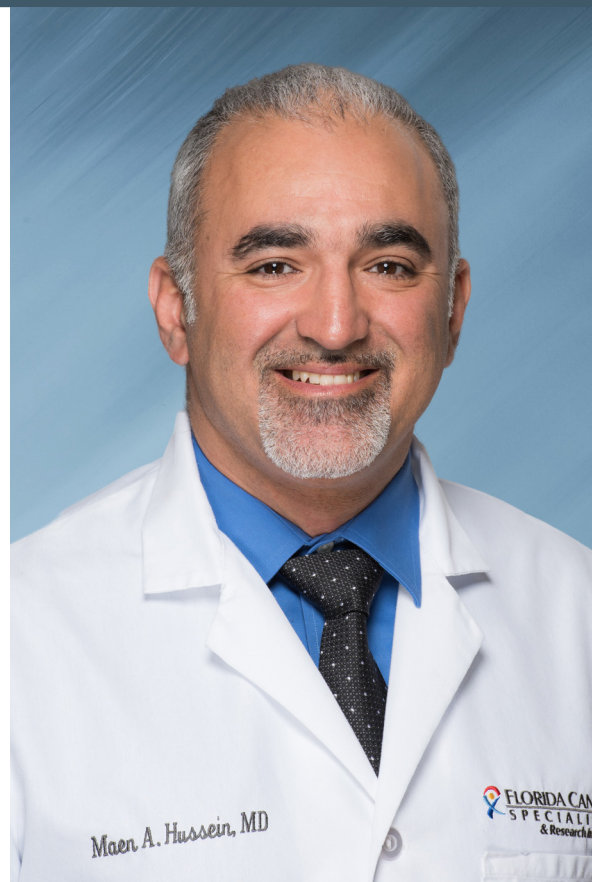
"You might think of this approach in that immunotherapy primes the immune system to work harder and smarter to attack microscopic cancer cells," says

Dr. Lipman. The continued exploration of using the immune system to battle cancer will most likely decrease mortality rates and also improve the quality of a patient's life during treatment, he notes.

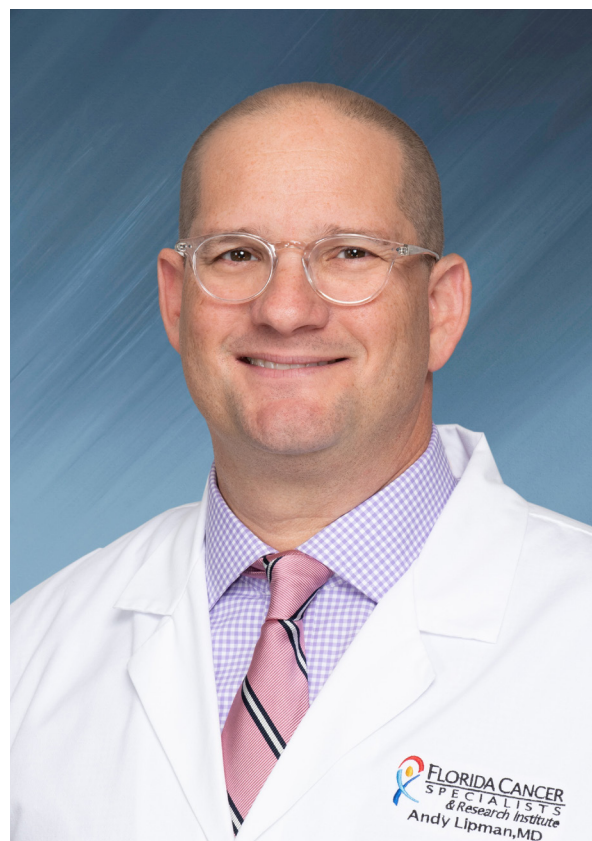
Aside from clinical breakthroughs, there is a belief that the patients who do the best and who seem to weather the challenges of cancer are the ones who surround themselves with a medical team they trust.

"With a new diagnosis of cancer, the entire FCS staff spends time learning about who the patient was before the diagnosis and what they believe identifies them as a person," says Dr. Lipman. "We learn what defines them and how they view themselves. Then, we talk about the new diagnosis in a very open, transparent way, trying to demystify the word. All the while, we seek to explain what this new diagnosis means for them and their health. We commit to working through this new challenge, and we work to establish a new normal — one that includes the same values that existed the day before the diagnosis. We seek to identify the patient's goals for future health, and we strive to help them see that they do have a future."

"I encourage patients to pick a point on the horizon. That is, I encourage patients to set a course of where they want to go. This might be recovery in health, a special upcoming family occasion, or some other milestone that they can embrace and aim toward. I then encourage patients to assemble a team that will help to get them there. That includes a medical team, family, friends and faith. In short, it takes a village."



Maen Hussein, MD



Andy Lipman, MD

PEOPLE AND PLACES

DIGGING IN...

TALLAHASSEE

Our two existing Tallahassee clinics will relocate to the new FCS Tallahassee Cancer Center in early 2021. It will have nearly double the amount of space and include 16 exam rooms and 62 infusion chairs. This state-of-the-art facility will provide even greater convenience and comfort for the residents of Tallahassee and Leon County who entrust their care to us.



FCS executive and senior leaders, physicians and staff joined with community leaders and partners to turn the first shovels of dirt, marking the start of construction.

ESTERO

The FCS Cancer Center in Estero is scheduled to open in December 2020. The one-story, 16,000-square-foot building will have 12 exam rooms, 36 infusion chairs, fixed PET/CT and laboratory services to serve the growing Lee County community.



Left to right: Dr. Syed Zafar, CEO
Brad Precht, Founder Dr. Bill
Harwin, Dr. Mark Rubin, COO Todd
Schonherz, CMSO Shelly Glenn



LAKE CITY

Our new FCS practice location in Lake City opened in January. Joined by Dr. Lucio Gordan for the ribbon cutting, Dr. Adetokunbo "Toks" Oluwasanjo and her team serve patients in the Columbia County area.



LAKEWOOD RANCH

The new FCS Lakewood Ranch Cancer Center relocated to an expanded state-of-the-art location in December, with nearly 40 infusion chairs, 10 exam rooms and access to clinical trials. "This is a significant new location for us," said FCS CEO Brad Prechtel, MBA. Medical Oncologist Miguel Pelayo, MD, one of the center's four physicians, thanked the many patients and members of the Patient Advisory Group in attendance. "You are why we are here. You place your faith in us, and we value that," he said. Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance President & CEO Dom DiMaio called the new FCS LWR Cancer Center "part of our building blocks and integral to our community."

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING PHYSICIANS...



Margarett C. Ellison, MD

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Margarett C. Ellison, MD, of Gynecologic Oncology of Tallahassee, A Division of Florida Cancer Specialists. The newly-added practice will improve access to comprehensive care for gynecologic cancer patients. She will maintain surgical privileges at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and Capital Regional Medical Center.



Dr. Arsh Singh

DR. ARSH SINGH

Board-certified Medical Oncologist Dr. Arsh Singh has transitioned from his prior role as a hospitalist and is now serving patients in the FCS Port Charlotte and North Port offices.



Jameel Audeh, MD



Faiza Manji, MD

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING HOSPITALISTS...

Board-certified Medical Oncologist Jameel Audeh, MD, returns to FCS as a hospitalist providing patient care in Manatee and

Sarasota counties. Board-certified Medical Oncologist Faiza Manji, MD, is providing patient care in Hillsborough County.

NEW, PERSONALIZED PLATFORM WILL IMPROVE FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE FOR PATIENTS



FCS Chief Revenue Cycle Officer Sarah Cevallos

FCS has partnered with Cedar, a patient engagement and payment technology platform provider, to modernize the online payment experience for FCS patients. "Aligned to the FCS commitment to excellence, it enables customized outreach, messaging and bill resolution based on a variety of unique factors and preferences," said FCS Chief Revenue Cycle Officer Sarah Cevallos. "Our patients and their families will find it easy and convenient to use."

ADVANCING ONCOLOGY VALUE-BASED CARE

FCS physicians and senior leaders were well represented in March at The American Journal of Managed Care symposium in Tampa. They joined with industry colleagues to share best practices in implementing value-based models to advance oncology treatment. FCS President & Managing Physician Dr. Lucio Gordan opened the session. FCS Medical Oncologists Dr. Michael Diaz and Dr. Maen Hussein participated in the panel discussion.



PARTNERING TO ADVANCE CANCER CARE

A growing number of dedicated patients and caregivers throughout Florida meet regularly to bring attention to the impacts that legislative policies have on cancer patients to help bring about positive change. FCS partners with the Community Oncology Alliance (COA) in sponsoring a C-PAN (Patient Advocacy Network) chapter in five locations — Gainesville, Gladiolus, Mease, Lakewood Ranch (pictured here) and The Villages. FCS Director of Care Management Beth Wittmer, RN, BSN, OCN serves as FCS chapter leader.



DR. HARWIN HONORED AS 2020 LEGEND IN CANCER CARE

Kudos to FCS Founder Dr. William Harwin, who was recognized as the 2020 Legend in Cancer Care at the recent Best of Breast conference in Palm Beach for his efforts to ensure that patients have access to world-class cancer care in their hometown communities.



TOGETHER AS A TEAM: PROMOTING HEALTH, HOPE AND HEALING

2020 Nursing & Pharmacy Tech Conference Recap

Camaraderie and a shared commitment to patient care was evident as 200 FCS nurses and pharmacy technicians gathered in Orlando for the FCS Nursing and Pharmacy Tech Conference in February. The day-long event provided a valuable opportunity for networking and skill building.



"The conference provided participants with up-to-date, evidence-based content on critical topics relevant to direct patient care, presented by national experts," said FCS Director of Nursing Diane Cope, PhD, APRN, BC, AOCNP. The event also helped attendees advance their careers forward with the use of their FCS education day benefit to earn CME credits.



This conference is a hallmark event for our pharmacy staff," noted FCS Director of Pharmacy Operations Melody Chang, RPh, MBA, BCOP, FCS director of pharmac operations. "It allows them to network with other pharmacy staff, nurses and our pharma partners."



Nursing and Pharmacy Conference Committee Members (L to R): Walter Bergemann, Diane Cope, Jennifer Baptiste, Tina Norman, Amanda Kimmel, Camilo Rodriguez, Vicki Caraway, Bucky Jones-Lombard, Melody Chang, Stephanie Sabillon, Darell Connor, Darrin Owen



"We look forward to leveraging the success of this conference to enhance our next FCS Nursing and Pharmacy Conference, which will be held in 2022."

Vicki Caraway, RN, BSN, MBA, NE-BC, FCS vice president of Clinical Services

FCS FOUNDATION UPDATE

The FCS Foundation will be updating the remainder of its 2020 event calendar in the near future after several spring events were postponed or canceled due to COVID-19.

WEDU AWARD →

FCS Foundation Executive Director Lynn Rasys and Development (right) & Event Manager Taylor Montgomery (left) accepted the Be More Humble People's Choice Award at the 15th Annual WEDU PBS Be More Awards luncheon. This award highlights nonprofits that serve and impact positive change in their West Central Florida communities.



FARM TO TABLE ↘

Proceeds from the second annual Farm to Table event held on Feb. 8 at the Castle Gate Farm in Ocala totaled over \$207,000. Co-chairs were FCS Radiation Oncologist Dr. Luis Carrascosa and his wife, Guisela, and FCS Radiation Oncologist Dr. Sachin Kamath, and his wife, Shelly. At Ocala's premier equestrian boarding and training center, guests enjoyed a unique farm-to-table dining experience with locally grown and raised ingredients, live and silent auctions, and music.



Left to right: Dr. Sachin Kamath, Shelly Kamath, Dr. Luis Carrascosa, Guisela Carrascosa



Left to right: Dr. Miguel Pelayo, Dr. Fadi Kayali, Dr. Judy Wang

▮ PARTY UNDER THE STARS

Over \$350,000 was raised to help cancer patients in need at Party Under the Stars, held Feb. 1 at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota. The signature event, co-chaired by FCS Medical Oncologists Dr. Fadi Kayali, Dr. Miguel Pelayo and Dr. Judy Wang, included a chef-prepared dinner, silent and live auctions, and a Joan L. Kidd, MD Fight for Life Concert Series performance by Powerhouse Next Generation. Local philanthropist Bobbi Norris and her late husband, Dave Norris, founder of the Make a Difference Foundation, were honored for their inspiring advocacy on behalf of cancer patients.



How pharmacy benefit managers are negatively impacting cancer care

Many health care consumers, and even some providers, are unaware of a significant player in the health care delivery system. Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), are contracted by health insurance companies to manage the oral prescription drug benefits for their health plan enrollees.

The three largest are Optum, Caremark (CVS) and Express Scripts, and they control the oral prescription drug benefits for nearly 80% of all Americans. This represents an inherent conflict of interest, in my opinion. The primary obligation of these publicly owned corporations is to maximize profits for their shareholders. We commonly see them implement processes designed not in the best interests of our patients, but to help them make money.

At FCS, we have experienced mandates such as fail first therapy (step therapy), the denial of medically appropriate therapy, and even requiring surgery in lieu of providing the oral medication prescribed by the patient's oncologist. They have required that patients wait unreasonable amounts of time to get their medications or use the more expensive brand-name drug even when a generic is available, resulting in a higher copay.

The PBMs not only demand an up-front manufacturer discount on drugs so they can show that they are "saving" money, but also on the back end — after all transactions are done — they require significant rebates from the pharmaceutical companies. Keep in mind that these discounts

and rebates are built into the overall cost of the drug, which contributes to the increasing costs of oral medications and the overall economic toxicity of cancer care.

My colleagues and I have been working at the national level in Washington, D.C. and locally in Tallahassee for legislation that protects consumers and minimizes the impact of these practices on patients. With extremely deep pockets, these companies are putting up a strong fight to maintain the status quo.

We need your help and invite you to share examples of patients who are or who have been negatively impacted by PBM practices, such as long delays, denials or mandates to use a PBM-owned specialty pharmacy even though our Rx To Go specialty pharmacy was in network. Please email me at MDiaz@FLCancer.com. I encourage you to share your concerns with your elected state and federal representatives as well. Working together, our efforts will help as we strive to fix this system and continue to put our patients first.



Michael Diaz, M.D.

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Assistant Managing Physician, Florida Cancer Specialists
Director of Patient Advocacy, Florida Cancer Specialists
Board Member, Florida Society of Clinical Oncology*

From Our Patients



ONLINE REVIEW: 5 STARS

"Dr. Noel Maun is treating my father, who has stage IV lung cancer that has metastasized to the bones. My father went from the verge of death to being a man who is now healthy enough to go running, boating and traveling. A very talented and compassionate oncologist. Thank you, Dr. Maun, for being the miracle that my dad and our family need."



My oncology nutritionist, April Rozzo, is extremely thorough, caring, informative and supportive. April has helped me through some difficult concerns. After my appointment, I always feel comforted and reassured. My emails are returned promptly and answered, not just with the facts but sincere empathy. I wholeheartedly recommend the nutritional services provided by the oncology nutrition department at FCS. I had cancer in 2001 and was under the care of Dr. Lane Ziegler and his amazing staff. I have cancer again and have returned to Dr. Ziegler and some of the original staff members who have treated me as wonderfully now as 18 years ago. Thanks to FCS, I am still here.



ONLINE REVIEW: 5 STARS

I've never met Dr. Ivor Percent, but my father was a former patient while he battled stage 4 lung cancer. I wanted to share his comments about Dr. Percent, as he would fill me in after his doctor appointments and always had very positive things to say. He commented on his kindness, his encouragement, his wealth of knowledge and thoroughness. He felt he was going to beat it, but he ultimately did not. Upon learning of my father's passing, Dr. Percent made a donation to the FCS Foundation in his name. Thank you, Dr. Percent, for caring for my dad, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind donation on his behalf.



I go to the Brandon location, and they are AMAZING! Dr. Waide Weaver is such a compassionate, caring, detailed oncologist. He made me feel like not just a patient but part of the FCS family. The nurses, what can I say, they are so NICE, caring, fun, etc. and made my experience a whole lot better. Would totally recommend!

P.S.: Last chemo was today, 2/27/2020!!



ONLINE REVIEW: 5 STARS

OVERALL, AN OUTSTANDING DOCTOR & PERSON
"There are not enough superlatives to describe Dr. Elizabeth Guancial's medical expertise and attitude toward those who come to her with serious medical issues. Her warmth, compassion and thoroughness make her an outstanding choice to treat oncological conditions. She gets an A+ from me across the board!

*Dear Dr. Thaper,
You saved my life. After my surgery, I have fully recovered and am back working at Publix. I came in to pay my bill today, and most of it had been written off. I did not need chemo or radiation, and recovery was quick. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking me on as a patient when no one else would help me. God bless you. I will be forever grateful.*

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YOU&I™ Support Program

We are here to help from the moment your patients are prescribed IMBRUVICA®

That's why we're committed to offering the YOU&I™ Support Program



Cost and Coverage

YOU&I™ provides support to help patients learn about cost and coverage for IMBRUVICA®. The Patient Support at YOU&I™ may help patients understand their insurance benefits and out-of-pocket costs.



Education and Support

YOU&I™ also offers education for patients to help them learn about IMBRUVICA® and what to expect during treatment.

With the IMBRUVICA® Copay Program, eligible patients with commercial insurance could pay as little as

\$10
per prescription

***Eligible patients may qualify to pay \$10 per prescription of IMBRUVICA® with the maximum total of \$10,000 per calendar year maximum. The IMBRUVICA® Copay Program cannot be used with any other federally-funded prescription insurance plan. Federally-funded plans include Medicare Part B, Medicare Advantage Plan, Medicaid, TRICARE, or any other federal or state health care plan, including pharmacy-related assistance programs.**

Enroll Your Patients in the YOU&I™ Support Program Today

Ask your patients to call or go online

1-877-877-3536

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm ET

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