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American Association for Long Term Care Nursing Joins FMDA, FL-ASCP, ACHCA, and FGS to Collaborate on Unique Annual Geriatrics Conference

West Palm Beach, Fla. – Florida Medical Directors Association (FMDA) President John Potomski Jr., DO, CMD, is pleased to announce that the American Association for Long Term Care Nursing (AALTCN) has agreed to join the Florida Chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (FL-ASCP), American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA), Florida Geriatrics Society (FGS), and FMDA in collaborating on “Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum (BCP),” Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2009, at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

“We are very pleased that the American Association for Long Term Care Nursing has decided to join us in our efforts to educate long-term care nurses alongside physicians, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, and administrators all along the continuum of long-term care,” Potomski said. “Our annual meeting has earned a national reputation for offering quality education programs with some of the most dynamic national speakers available,” he added.

“AALTCN is very excited about joining forces with the team of exceptional organizations from the Best Care Practices conference,” said Charlotte Eliopoulos, Executive Director of AALTCN. “Our organization is unique in that membership covers an entire nursing department rather than an individual discipline. And, we are pleased to be able to give our members an opportunity to attend a major LTC and geriatrics conference with a national reputation,” Eliopoulos added.

AALTCN Director of Professional Relations Ron Romano stated, “Collaborating with our friends from BCP allows us to better fulfill our mission and we look forward to seeing a large contingent of our members in attendance in October.”

FMDA, FL-ASCP, ACHCA, FGS, and AALTCN are committed to ensuring that their members have access to the latest information, opportunities for educational advancement, and the framework to advocate the positions that will benefit their members and patients/residents. This annual educational program has evolved into a national gathering for physicians, nurse practitioners, senior care pharmacists, directors of nursing, nurses, and

administrators, all working in long-term care, assisted living, home care, and in academia. It provides a unique opportunity to network and enjoy educational seminars from the top experts in their fields. More information concerning this conference is available at www.bestcarepractices.org.

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The Florida Medical Directors Association represents nearly 300 medical directors, attending physicians, physician assistants, and advanced registered nurse practitioners in Florida's postacute care continuum including subacute care, hospice, skilled nursing, and assisted living facilities, as well as in continuing care retirement communities. The mission of FMDA is to promote the highest quality care in the postacute care continuum by providing leadership, professional education, and advocacy.

FMDA is the official state chapter of the American Medical Directors Association and a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association. It is based in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Florida Chapter, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (FL-ASCP), is the professional association representing senior care pharmacists, providing leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to advance the practice of senior care pharmacy. Consultant pharmacists manage and improve drug therapy, and improve the quality of life of the senior population and other individuals residing in a variety of environments, including hospitals, nursing facilities, subacute care and assisted living facilities, psychiatric hospitals, hospice, and home- and community-based care.

Florida Geriatrics Society (FGS) is a not-for-profit state organization with interest in scientific, educational and academic activities to the entire geriatric care team, who can render optimal care for older adults. In addition to this winter meeting, FGS holds an annual medical convention to provide both CME and CEU credits for physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, psychologists and social workers. Members of the Board of Directors of FGS hold representation from all the medical schools in the state of Florida. It encourages in-training fellows, residents, and medical students' participation.

FGS is also a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association.

American College of Health Care Administrators

Founded in 1962, American College of Health Care Administrators is a non-profit membership organization based in Reston, VA, which provides superior educational programming, certification in a variety of positions, and career development for its members.

Guided by the vision that dynamic leadership forges long term health care services that are desired, meaningful, successful, and efficient, ACHCA identifies, recognizes, and supports long term care leaders, advocating for their mission and promoting excellence in their profession.

American Association for Long Term Care Nursing (www.LTCNursing.org)

The American Association for Long Term Care Nursing (AALTCN) unites all levels of nursing staff to advance excellence in the specialty of long-term care nursing. The association encourages respect for long-term care nursing staff by informing colleagues and consumers about the complexities, competencies, and commitment of the special caregivers who commit to this specialty. As the nation's largest network of caregivers, the mission of the American Association for Long Term Care Nursing is to create community and teamwork, provide educational resources, support and promote excellence in care, and advocate for an improved status and voice for long-term care nursing staff. For more information contact: Ron Romano, Director of Professional Relations, at 888-4LTNurse (888-458-2687), or rromano@LTCNursing.org.