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National Association Directors of Nursing Administration in Long-Term Care Joins Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum

West Palm Beach, Fla. – Florida Medical Directors Association (FMDA) President Hugh Thomas, DO, FAAFP, CMD, is pleased to announce that the National Association Directors of Nursing Administration/LTC (NADONA) has agreed to join the Florida Geriatrics Society (FGS), Florida Chapter – American College of Health Care Administrators (FL-ACHCA), and FMDA in collaborating on “Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum (BCP),” Oct. 20-23, 2011, at Disney’s Grand Floridian Hotel & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

NADONA is the premiere, professional nurses association dedicated exclusively to nurse executives and nurse administrators within the long-term care continuum. Communication, education, and service are key elements of NADONA’s vision and commitment to long-term care nursing administration.

“We are very pleased that NADONA has decided to join us in our efforts to educate long-term care nurses and nurse administrators alongside physicians, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, and nursing home administrators, all along the continuum,” Thomas said. “Our annual meeting has earned a national reputation for offering outstanding educational programs with some of the most dynamic speakers available,” he added.

“NADONA is very excited about joining forces with FMDA for the Best Care Practices conference,” said Sherrie Dornberger, president of NADONA. “Our organization is comprised of nurse administrators from across the country, and we are pleased to be able to give our members an opportunity to attend a major long-term care and geriatrics conference with a national reputation,” Dornberger added.

FMDA and NADONA are committed to ensuring that its 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 health care practitioners, 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.

In addition to this exciting new collaboration with NADONA, FMDA is offering CPEs to pharmacists at its annual meeting through the University of Florida College of Pharmacy. The

University of Florida College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. For more information regarding continuing education call the FMDA business office at (561) 659-5581.

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The Florida Medical Directors Association (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, Florida. FMDA represents nearly 250 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 as patients' transition through the long term care continuum. FMDA is dedicated to providing leadership, professional education and advocacy for the inter-professional team.

Florida Chapter – American College of Health Care Administrators (FL-ACHCA) Founded in 1962, ACHCA is a non-profit national professional membership association which provides superior educational programming, professional certification, and career development opportunities 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.

Florida Geriatrics Society (FGS) 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.

National Association Directors of Nursing Administration (NADONA) Since 1986, NADONA has been the leading advocate and educational organization for DONs, ADONs and RNs in Long-Term Care (LTC). NADONA/LTC was founded by dedicated LTC professionals, and its board of trustees still consists of LTC professionals. NADONA understands daily challenges, and are here to provide nurses with the tools they need for professional success.

It is the charter of this association to promulgate and foster a network of directors of nursing and assistant directors of nursing in long-term care. To that end, this association endeavors to provide education, communication and service to the members it serves. Through the NADONA/LTC Code of Ethics, Constitution and Charter, it supports and promotes quality of care for those individuals receiving long-term care, and concern for those delivering long-term care.



"Best Care Practices in the Geriatrics Continuum 2011" is the annual conference which is joint-sponsored by the Florida Medical Directors Association and the American Medical Directors Association.

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