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FMDA's 5th Annual Quality Champion Award to Recognize and Honor Exceptional Clinicians in PALTC

West Palm Beach, FL — FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PALTC) Medicine and President Dr. Diane Sanders-Cepeda are very pleased to announce the 5th Annual Quality Champion Award.

According to Dr. Bernardo Reyes, chair, Quality Champion Award Committee, "This award recognizes the best of the best from clinicians whose skills, talents, expertise, commitment, and personal attributes encompass quality patient-centered care. It honors Florida-based clinicians who work day-in and day-out to serve the most-frail population in Florida's post-acute and long-term care continuum."

Dr. Sanders-Cepeda added, "The recipient of this award embodies the highest standards of dedication, leadership, engagement, and innovation and is personified as a cornerstone in his or her respective field as well as within the facilities served.

"FMDA is very excited to provide this unique opportunity to recognize worthy colleagues who are committed to providing the best care in our continuum!" she concluded.

Information on eligibility and criteria for the Quality Champion Award may be found on the nomination form, available at www.fmda.org/awards.php. A user-friendly online submission asks six open-ended questions covering such characteristics as leadership, role modeling and mentoring, clinical outcomes, quality and safety improvement, impact on the nominee's profession and in the community, and the extraordinary qualities that make the nominee stand out.

The deadline for nominations is **Monday, Sept. 18, 2023**, and the award winner will be announced during FMDA's 32nd Annual Conference, Best Care Practices in the Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Continuum 2023, on **Saturday, Oct. 21**. For more information, contact FMDA at info@fmda.org or (561) 689-6321.

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FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine represents nearly 200 medical directors, attending physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, nurse administrators, and nursing home administrators in Florida's post-acute and long-term care continuum, including subacute care, hospice, skilled nursing, home health care, and assisted living facilities, as well as in continuing care retirement communities. FMDA is the largest state chapter of AMDA – The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine and a Specialty Society of the Florida Medical Association. It is based in West Palm Beach, FL.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of FMDA – The Florida Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine 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.

VISION STATEMENT: FMDA will provide professional leadership to disseminate information as well as provide access to resources and experts. FMDA will further advance as the professional hub for education on best care practices, evidence-based medicine, regulatory compliance, and practice management. FMDA will continue to be the model organization that collaborates with related organizations to promote the highest quality patient care and outcomes in the post-acute and long-term care continuum.