

# The FAOEM Times – January 2011

## Message from the Editor:

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## Monthly Physician Spotlight:

*Thanks to Dr. Bernard Chapnick for being our January 2011 Physician in the spotlight!*

This month I had the great pleasure of interviewing Dr. Bernard Chapnick, our NEWEST member of FAOEM. Dr. Chapnick, a physician at Physicians Health Centers in Miami, Florida, is one ball of energy and inspiration. He has practiced occupational medicine for over 30 years and is positively enthusiastic about the profession. With a patient load of around 500 patients a month, he sees just about every type of injury possible. Prior to coming to Miami, he worked as the Corporate Medical Director for George Hormel & Company, in Austin, Minnesota. He has also served as a physician for Exxon in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as well as Linden, New Jersey. At one point in his career he was practicing occupational medicine at 40,000 feet as a flight surgeon for the Navy/Marine Corps.

As I chatted with Dr. Chapnick, he shared with me that he had been up since 4:10 that morning, just so that he could go to the gym before work. Yes, I said 4:10 a.m. Dr. Chapnick is a fitness buff and is usually in the gym by 5:10 every morning. Up to that point, I had been patting myself on the back for managing to squeeze in 25 minutes of exercise 5 days a week for the past 2 weeks. Looks like I have a long way to go to match Dr. Chapnick!

Dr. Chapnick loves work and he loves politics. He has 3 sons and a father who's 92. He went to medical school at Wayne State University. What makes him unique is his dedication to the patients and passion for occupational medicine. Every employer has his cell number and every patient gets his beeper number – because he believes that communication makes all the difference in the world. And by the way – even though he loves politics, he'll never go into it because he's too darn honest.

This summer you will have the chance to see Dr. Chapnick in action. He is one of the panel members for the OM breakout session at the Workers' Comp conference. After working with the team to plan this session and interacting with Dr. Chapnick to write this article, I have no doubt that he will be entertaining, informative, and do a great job representing occupational medicine.



## FMA Electronic Health Record (EHR) Workshops

18 hands on workshops across 9 cities will be offered by the FMA on the Electronic Health Record (EHR). The purpose of these workshops is to help Florida physicians achieve “Meaningful Use” compliance. These workshops are scheduled from January to April 2011. The goal is to guide doctors through the sometimes-daunting process of choosing, implementing, and upgrading an EHR system to meet their practice needs. The workshops, which qualify for CME credit, are free for FMA and county medical society members and \$295 for non-members. Attendees receive: 1) Best practices for choosing, implementing, and upgrading an EHR system to meet Meaningful Use Guidance on meeting the new federal health care law’s definition of Meaningful Use to receive incentives up to \$64,000 per provider, 2) Information on the EHR products that consistently receive top ratings from industry analysts, state medical associations, and the FMA, and 3) Free EHR selection/implementation planning toolkits for FMA members.

To register or to see dates and locations, click <http://www.flmedical.org/ehr/>. The FMA encourages early registration, as space is limited. For more information, contact the FMA at (800) 762-0233.

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## Need Someone to Fill In?

Need coverage for part time work, or taking a vacation? Barry Kotler, MD, FACOEM is available. He lives in the South Florida area and can be reached at: 561-742-3244 or by email: [bm3779@gmail.com](mailto:bm3779@gmail.com).

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## 2011 AOHC – Washington, DC

AOHC is taking place March 26-29 in Washington, DC this year. The conference should be spectacular, with several excursions and a series of state of the art presentations on important occupational health issues. One neat even that will take place is the ACOEM Capital Hill Briefing on Thursday, March 29, from 1:45-4:00 p.m. At this session, ACOEM will go over what they are doing in Washington DC, how we can influence legislation at the state level, as well as a briefing on what issues from the hill, are affecting occupational and environmental medicine. A question and answer session will follow. Due to space issues, there's only room for each state to send one person. If you think you might like to participate in this session, please email me so that I can share your name with our officers. Members who wish to arrange their own visits on the hill are encouraged to do so.

There are other interesting programs being offered at the conference, such as the social event at the international spy museum, the educational session on the occupational health system in Finland, and how to deal with the disabled worker on opiates. These are just a few of the great opportunities available.

Please email me if you are planning to attend the conference, I would like to put together a list of everyone who's going from Florida.