

# The FAOEM Times – November 2010

## Message from the Editor:

Please email me if you would like to be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters: [dmccclusk@health.usf.edu](mailto:dmccclusk@health.usf.edu)

## Monthly Physician Spotlight:

*Thanks to Dr. Rene Casanova for being our November 2010 Physician in the spotlight!*

This month I had the distinct pleasure of interviewing Dr. Rene Casanova, one of our newest members. Dr. Casanova is the president and owner of Minor Emergicenter, which has 3 medical centers located in Tequesta, Deerfield Beach, and Lake Worth Florida. He is currently working to open a 4<sup>th</sup> center in Coconut Creek. Dr. Casanova and his team offer a full service urgent care and walk-in medical center, which is open 365 days a year. From helping to cure the common cold to suturing, vaccinations and school physicals, his team serves all age groups and provides treatment for a wide variety of ailments.

Dr. Casanova went to the University of Miami where he earned a BA in Chemistry. From there he headed north to Tufts Medical School, followed by a surgical internship and residency at St. Elizabeth's and the Harvard Affiliated Hospitals. He spent 10 years working in a level two trauma center in the North Shore of Boston. While at Harvard, he spent 2 years doing clinical research, which included writing and receiving grants funded by the NIH. Then he got the entrepreneurial itch and moved back to Florida again to start his clinics. However the research bug didn't leave him when he left Harvard, he has continued his effort to help advance medicine. He is currently involved in clinical trials for diabetes, hypertension, and osteoarthritis.

Dr. Casanova is fluent in Spanish and English – he was born in Cuba and didn't move to the US until he was 5. He has his hands full with 3 boys ages 6, 7 and 9 and a lovely wife. He loves sports and played baseball in high school. If all of this wasn't enough, he is very eager to become involved in the leadership of our FAOEM group. If you didn't have a chance to meet Dr. Casanova at our August meeting, please make a point to say hello and welcome him to our group. We are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic new member.



## International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health

Did you know that you can view articles from the International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health for free? The latest issue focuses on Nanoparticles and Nanotechnology and the different work place related issues. One article discusses exposure assessment and provides recommendations for nanotechnology based pesticides. You can also view the NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluation Abstracts through the Journal as well.

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## **The FMA's Effort and our Recent Election:**

The FMA announced that in the Florida Legislature, 100% of the Senate candidates they endorsed were elected, and 95% of the FMA endorsed House candidates were elected as well. The success continued down the line of positions and included 100% success of FMA endorsed candidates for the State Cabinet positions. Dr. Madelyn Butler, our FMA president, has been appointed to the Governor-elect Rick Scott's Health and Human Services Transition Team. This reinforces the strength of the FMA's political arm and demonstrates again the importance of supporting the FMA with your membership.

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## **Have you Voted Yet?**

ACOEM is holding its annual election for the Board Officers and Directors. Eligible members may vote electronically by logging into the ACOEM election system. You can also find information about each candidate. The polls are only open through December 15<sup>th</sup>, so make sure you cast your vote. Here's the link: <https://election.acoem.org/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.aspx> .

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## **Interested in Thoracic Spine Disorders? Need CME'S?**

For \$59, ACOEM members can participate in the CME webinar on: Thoracic Spine Disorders Evidence-Based Treatment. The program is just an hour and takes place on Monday, December 6, from 12 – 1 p.m. In this webinar they will discuss the etiology, signs and symptoms, and evidence-based testing and treatment of common cervical and thoracic spine disorders. They will cover cervicothoracic pain, radicular pain syndromes, cervicogenic headache, whiplash associated injury, myelopathy, neuropathic pain, spinal stenosis, spondylolisthesis, and chronic non-specific cervical pain. Treatments considered include medications, home exercise, injections, active and passive physical therapy, chiropractic, and surgery. To register or participate, visit the following website: <http://www.acoem.org/thoracicspine.aspx> .

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*Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!*