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### **FORT MYERS OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN WALTER B. FLESNER, III, DO, RECEIVES FOMA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Tallahassee, FL – Walter B. Flesner, III, DO, of Fort Myers, Florida, received the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) during its 2019 Annual Convention held February 20-24, 2019, in Weston, Florida. A crowd of more than 900 osteopathic physicians, healthcare professionals, and students attended the Convention.

The FOMA Lifetime Achievement Award has been presented to an osteopathic physician who has made a significant contribution to the osteopathic community in Florida over the span of his/her lifetime and carved a path for osteopathic physicians nationwide. Dr. Flesner received this award in recognition and appreciation of his devotion as a leader, physician, educator, mentor and osteopathic visionary, and for his lifelong commitment to provide quality healthcare to the patients of Florida and to the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Flesner is a 1981 graduate of Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. For over 35 years, he has served as an FOMA Trustee starting in FOMA District 8 (Dade County) and then moving to FOMA District 11 (Ft. Myers). He served as President of FOMA District 8 and then as President of the FOMA from 1996-97 and President of FOMA District 11. He has been Chairman of various FOMA Committees and currently serves as Chair of the FOMA Bylaws & Constitution Committee.

He served the profession as a 3 term Trustee for the American Osteopathic Association and has served as a Florida Delegate to the AOA House of Delegates for over 25 years. Dr. Flesner has also been serving as Doctor of the Day during the Florida Legislature each year since 1995.

The Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) is the state association for osteopathic physicians in Florida. The FOMA has been serving osteopathic physicians since 1904. Our Executive Office is located in Tallahassee, Florida. The FOMA was organized for the purposes of advancing the science and art of osteopathic medicine; extending the benefits of scientific advancement to the treatment, prevention, and alleviation of human ailments; and promoting closer relationships between the osteopathic profession, FOMA members, and other groups dedicated to improved health care.

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