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JOSHUA LENCHUS, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM, ELECTED 2018-2019 PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Tallahassee, FL – Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM, of Miami, Florida, was elected President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) during its 2018 Annual Convention held February 21-25, 2018, in Weston, Florida. A crowd of over 2,400 osteopathic physicians, healthcare professionals, and students attended the Convention.

Joshua Lenchus, DO, RPh, FACP, SFHM, holds a pharmacy degree from the University of Florida, and graduated from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2000. Having completed a rotating internship (aka transitional year) at Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, he pursued training in internal medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. He currently works as a hospitalist at Jackson Memorial Hospital for the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He has extensive hospital administrative and committee involvement and, in 2012, was elected the first osteopathic President of the Jackson Health System medical staff and chairman of its medical executive committee, in its then-94 year history. He was subsequently re-elected in June 2014.

One of Dr. Lenchus's special areas of interest is patient safety. Aside from creating a crisis management simulation course, in 2007 he developed a novel curriculum centered about simulation-based invasive bedside procedural instruction. Now in its eighth year, the program has transformed the way procedures are taught and performed, decreasing complications thereby leading to safer patient care. He has spoken locally, regionally, and nationally regarding this initiative and is recognized as an expert in the field; he has conducted numerous workshops at various conferences, garnered nearly \$1.5M in grant funding, and his team's work has been published in peer-reviewed journals.

Outside the hospital, Dr. Lenchus is incredibly involved, serving as a leader, in multiple county, state and national medical associations, including the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, Florida Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the Society of Hospital Medicine. He has a passion for health policy, serves on public policy committees, and has presented this topic in a variety of venues, from student groups to corporations.

He has received a number of teaching and University awards. In 2014, he was recognized as the Soref JCC Humanitarian of the Year, and as a Distinguished Alumnus of Broward College.

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