

**Florida Board of Medicine**  
**Message from the Chair**  
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Dear Colleagues and Interested Citizens:

Greetings! My name is Dr. Michael A. Chizner and I am honored to serve as your new Chairman of the Florida Board of Medicine. For those of you who do not know me, I am a board certified cardiologist who has been practicing in Fort Lauderdale since 1979. I am Chief Medical Director of The Heart Center of Excellence of Broward Health, and a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine, the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Barry University.

As incoming Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our immediate past Board Chair, Dr. Onelia Lage, along with my fellow Board members, counsel, and staff, for their diligence, dedication, and commitment in carrying out our mission to promote, protect, and improve the health of all the people in Florida, and to ensure that the highest standards of medical practice and professionalism are being met.

In keeping with the policy of my predecessors, I plan to continue the quarterly newsletter from the Board Chair. Through these newsletters, I hope to provide useful, up-to-date information to my fellow physicians and colleagues regarding Board policies, laws, rules and regulations, as well as summaries of recent Board meetings, actions, and decisions. Our hard working Board staff, under the leadership of Executive Director, Mr. Larry McPherson, Jr., and Board Counsels, Mr. Ed Tellechea and Ms. Donna McNulty, are all available to answer your questions and to help in whatever way they can. I welcome your comments and suggestions for future newsletters. I can be reached by contacting our Program Operations Administrators, Ms. Crystal Sanford at [crystal\\_sanford@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:crystal_sanford@doh.state.fl.us) or Ms. Chandra Prine at [chandra\\_prine@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:chandra_prine@doh.state.fl.us).

On behalf of the entire Florida Board of Medicine, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of my fellow physicians and colleagues who have dedicated their lives to medicine and to providing the highest quality of health care to all the residents of the great state of Florida.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,  
Michael A. Chizner, M.D.  
Chairman, Florida Board of Medicine