

CCMS Board Members 2021-22



Alejandro D. Perez-Trepichio, M.D. President

Born in Argentina, Dr. Perez-Trepichio is a graduate of the National University of La Plata in Buenos Aires. He pursued a research career at Cleveland Clinic Foundation, where he received grants from the National Institutes of Health as co-investigator and published several articles in peer-reviewed journals. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Cleveland Clinic and relocated to Naples where he practices at Millennium Physician Group.

In 2009 he was appointed a member of Millennium Physician Group's physician leadership and currently serves as Chief Medical Officer. He was elected to the CCMS board in 2016 and has represented CCMS as an FMA delegate from 2014-21. He is a board member of the PHO/Southwest Florida Physicians Association and Neighborhood Health Clinic.



Rebecca G. Smith, M.D. - Vice President

Dr. Smith, Medical Director for VITAS Healthcare, earned her BS in Biology and MS in Physiology from The Pennsylvania State University, and MD from St. George's University School of Medicine. She began her internship in Internal Medicine and residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Louisiana State University Medical Center, completed at Temple University Hospital. She completed a Pain Medicine fellowship at Harvard Medical School and is Board Certified in PM&R, Hospice & Palliative Care Medicine, and Pain Medicine. She has co-authored peer-reviewed publications and teaches at St. George's School of Medicine.



Gary D. Swain, M.D. - Treasurer

Dr. Swain attended medical school at the University of Nevada School of Medicine where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed his residency in family medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base. Following his residency, he was stationed in Italy where he was Chief of Clinical Services at the San Vito Air Station. He then returned to a faculty position at the Travis AFB residency program prior to retiring as a Lt Colonel. He practiced in Decatur, Texas in a solo practice prior to moving to Naples to accept a position with NCH Physician Group.



Zubin Pachori, M.D. - Secretary

Dr. Pachori is a Hospital Medicine Physician, practicing in Collier County since 2012. He was raised in Florida and is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University. He received his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine, and completed his residency at Stamford Hospital/Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons Program in Family Medicine. He is one of the founders of Premier Inpatient Partners, and has been involved with several hospital committees. At home he enjoys spending time with his two sons and his wife.



George Brinnig, M.D. - Officer/Director at Large

Dr. Brinnig continues his 30-year career as a general ophthalmologist. He has practiced in numerous settings including solo practice in California, large group in Massachusetts, and single specialty group in Connecticut. He has served in several organized medicine venues including governing boards of the California Medical Association, Stanislaus County Medical Society (also as President and CEO), and New Haven County Medical Society. His BS is from SUNY Albany, PhD from UC Berkeley, MD from UC Berkeley, and MMM from Carnegie Mellon. He enjoys inventing, foreign language, and travel.



Jose M. Baez M.D. - Director at Large

Dr. Baez is a board-certified internist with a private practice in North Naples. He attended medical school at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and completed his Internal Medicine residency at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center. While in private practice in Connecticut, he was Assistant Clinical Professor at University of Connecticut's School of Medicine. Dr. Baez has served on numerous hospital committees and medical association boards. For the past few years, he has chaired the CCMS Membership Committee and served as a delegate to the FMA. Dr. Baez has completed 7 New York City Marathons and a Chicago Marathon.



Glenn E. Groat, M.D. - Director at Large

Dr. Groat received his undergraduate degree in Kinesiology and Psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his medical degree from the SUNY Upstate Medical University. He completed his internship at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital for Diagnostic Radiology and residency in Radiology at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Dr. Groat then went on to complete a Fellowship in Body Imaging and Intervention Radiology at the Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Dr. Groat is board certified by the American Board of Radiology and is a member of the Radiological Society of North America, as well as the American College of Radiology.



Rebekah Bernard, M.D. - Immediate Past President

Dr. Bernard is a Family Physician in a private Direct Primary Care practice. A Florida native, Dr. Bernard grew up in the rural town of Clewiston, attended the University of Florida graduating with a degree in Sociology, and received her MD from the University of Miami. She completed her residency at Florida Hospital in Orlando, and served for 6 years in Immokalee as a National Health Service Corps Scholar. Dr. Bernard authored *How to Be A Rock Star Doctor* and writes a monthly blog for the Medical Economics website. She is also a national speaker on the topic of Physician Wellness and practice management.

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