

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Report of the Trustee, Fifth Medical District

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1           The Fifth District, comprised of physicians who work or live in Chesterfield,  
2           Darlington, Florence, and Marlboro Counties, has continued to engage our community with  
3           the help of our faithful Alliance, and to offer excellent clinical experiences to our patients  
4           and for our medical students. The students' match results, which include psychiatry,  
5           emergency medicine, preliminary surgery, family medicine, and obstetrics/gynecology  
6           demonstrate the breadth and rigor of the experiences through the USC-Florence program.  
7           Our delegation to this annual meeting (at time of report submission), also includes a breadth  
8           of specialties: Charles Stonerock (Vascular Surgery), Vinod Jona (Pulmonology), Michael  
9           Rose (Anesthesiology), Matthew Johnson (Hospitalist), Dale Lusk (Obstetrics-Gynecology),  
10          Stephen Imbeau (Allergy), Michele Scott (Urgent Care), Deepak Chowdhary  
11          (Gastroenterology), John Ropp (Family Medicine), Mark Jones (Hospitalist), Jane Sensenay  
12          (Medicine/Palliative), Susan Roberts (Internal Medicine), and Zsolt Ori (Hospitalist).

13          Our community engagement is led by Alliance members and has included many  
14          charitable and health education events, such as wellness education in the public schools.  
15          Many physicians are involved in other programs that strengthen our community, such as the  
16          fundraiser for the School Foundation: "Dancing for Our Future Stars." Some of the  
17          physician families involved with leading and performing include the Hyler, Hazelwood,  
18          Foxworth, Fenters, Pannu, and DiPaolo families. Also of note, the Darlington Free Clinic,  
19          led by medical director John Ropp, continues its work and will begin partnering with the  
20          Mercy Medicine Free Clinic in Florence this year.

21           The Florence County Medical Society (FCMS) continues to be our only active  
22 medical society and the Florence County Medical Society Alliance (FCMSA) our only active  
23 alliance. This year we had unexpected turnover among three of our officers due to moves,  
24 but we have had others step up and especially appreciate Dr. Vinod Jonah and his wife  
25 stepping into the President-Elect spot and Angela Lorenz leading our Alliance.

26           The FCMS and FCMSA hosted a new physician welcome event in September with  
27 125 people in attendance, as well as a holiday party in December with more than 200 people.  
28 The annual legislative forum in January at Osbornes was attended by legislators Robert  
29 Williams, Michael Richenbach, and Philip Lowe and their spouses. Questions raised during  
30 the legislative forum included DHEC reorganization, 2021 Cures Act implications, regional  
31 highways and airlines, and the paperwork burden and burnout that physicians face. SCMA  
32 President Christopher Yeakel was gracious to attend all our events so far this year. We have  
33 one more event planned May 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the Florence County Sheriff's  
34 department to discuss and meet CME requirements for Controlled Substances. In addition,  
35 the twelfth annual CME event for primary care, organized by Howard Farrell  
36 (Otolaryngology) and William Naso (Neurosurgery), will be June second.

37           Although the Lake City Community Hospital had to close, we welcome the care of  
38 physicians at MUSC Health Black River Medical Center, just south of Florence County. We  
39 gratefully anticipate new residency programs coming to Florence through MUSC.

40           On a more personal note, I am not seeking re-election because I want to be more  
41 engaged in physician wellness in Florence county and to grow my clinical skills. My time on  
42 the Board of Trustees has been exciting, especially witnessing the courage, vision, and  
43 consistence of my colleagues across the state and the dedicated and creative SCMA staff.

44           **FCMS Officers 2021-2022** President: Charles Stonerock (Vascular Surgery), Vice-  
45 President Vinod Jona (Pulmonology), Past—President Daniel Hyler (Family Medicine),  
46 Treasurer: Palmer Kirkpatrick (Gastroenterology), Secretary: vacant, Resident  
47 Representative: Danielle Schmidt (Family Medicine), Member at Large: Joseph Hoyle  
48 (Family Medicine).