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*CAPI Hosts Leadership Development Seminar Followed By Fall Medical Conference on September 24*

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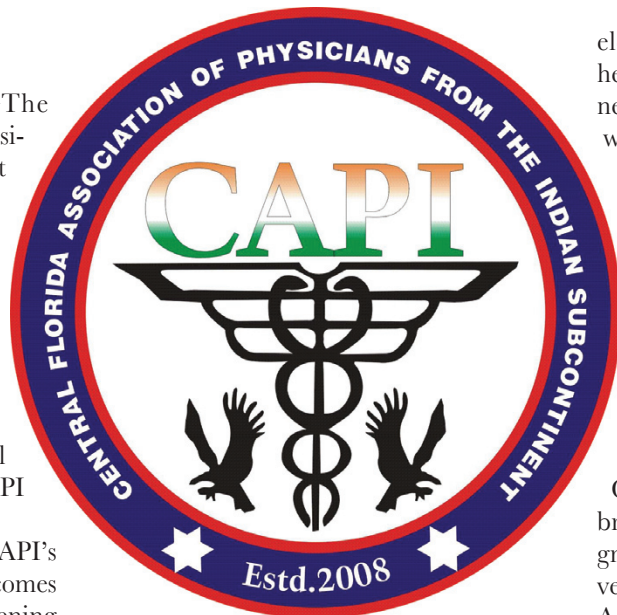
LAKE BUENA VISTA—The Central Florida Association of Physicians from the Indian Sub-Continent (CAPI) will host a complimentary Leadership Development Seminar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista in Lake Buena Vista. The Leadership Seminar is developed and supported by AAPI - The American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, the national parent organization of all local AAPI chapters, including CAPI.

The seminar coincides with CAPI's Fall Medical Conference, which welcomes physician non-members to the evening reception and dinner program in a spirit of collaboration to better face the surge of local level change resulting from sweeping healthcare reform.

"CAPI and AAPI (American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin) are partnering with various organizations like the Florida Medical Association, Orange County Medical Society, Seminole County Medical Society, University of Central Florida College of Medicine, AAPI chapters of Florida and local as well as statewide residency programs to bring awareness to the medical community," said CAPI president Sanjiv Kapil, MD. "We believe in cooperative discussion with the numerous stakeholders in healthcare from government to providers as well as students to academicians, pharmaceutical corporations, managed care organizations and others who wish to participate."



Dr. Sanjiv Kapil



Kapil emphasized CAPI's goal is to nurture young physician colleague's interests in improving the direction of healthcare.

"Healthcare is at a crossroads," he pointed out. "Physicians need to know now not just their job skills, but also what forces organize them to impart their services to the patient population. The gradual aging of the population is bringing a great awareness of the need to improve the efficiency of healthcare in our society. The economy is being weighed down by numerous forces; healthcare should not be one of them."

Kapil noted that it's imperative for physicians to stay engaged at the national and statewide level by participating in discussions and debates in the medical field.

"The presence of knowledgeable physicians will allow the nation to have efficient providers," he said. "We're organizing programs to highlight the need for awareness of these topics. We've been able to organize conferences on

electronic medical records (EMRs) to help update our members and the partnering of county medical societies. We were able to develop a program with the UCF School of Business to educate our membership for developing business skills. We were able to partner with the IACC (Indian American Chamber of Commerce) and Seminole County Medical Society for this program. We hope to partner with the Florida Medical Association, UCF College of Medicine, Florida Hospital, Florida State University and Orlando Health residency programs to bring the Leadership Development Program to Central Florida. We hope to develop a federation of chapters of various AAPI chapters to better communicate amongst ourselves at the state level and work with the leadership of the FMA." A reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a banquet and dinner program at 7 p.m., which will include an update on the healthcare policy and AAPI initiatives from AAPI president Sunita Kanumury, MD; a review of promoting healthcare

policies in Tallahassee by FMA president Miguel Machado, MD; and a summary of the state association's advocacy issues by FMA PAC president John Katopodis.

The evening program is free for all CAPI members; the cost for non-members is \$50 per person. Attendees may also become members or renew their annual membership onsite.

"CAPI welcomes all physicians who share in our vision for a healthcare environment that provides the best service for its citizens, while allocating resources in the most efficient manner without compromising quality of care or the role of the care provider," said Kapil. "As physicians, we're major stakeholders to the system's success. Greater awareness of our roles and responsibilities will lead to a better system."

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Dr. Sunita Kanumury

### Florida Federation of AAPI Chapters to Form

Following the collaborative seminar, presidents and executive leaders from various AAPI chapters in Florida will meet from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. to form a unified Florida Federation. Chapters represented will include CAPI from Orlando, FAPI from Tampa Bay, BIMDA from the Space Coast, IPOF from Ft. Lauderdale, TIPS from the Treasure Coast, JAXIAMA from Jacksonville and PBIMA from the Palm Beaches. From 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., a general body meeting and member-only elections will be held.

"The time has come for Florida physicians to join together and protect the honorable profession that they have dedicated their lives to," said CAPI executive director Glad Kurian. "In these challenging times, unity is strength! I'm very proud of our physicians and enjoy working with them."



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