



News You Can Use

Updates from the

Florida Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery (FSDDS)

2020 Legislative Session

The 2020 Legislative Session convened on Tuesday, January 14 and the FSDDS is tracking a number of bills including a bill that would prohibit the sale of certain sunscreen products (*SB 318*) as well as bills that would preempt the regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics to the State of Florida (*HB 113/SB 172 Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act*). The FSDDS is working diligently to inform Florida's House and Senate members that the essential benefits of high-SPF sunscreen cannot be understated, and that while the scientific evidence that sunscreens save lives is undisputed, the hypothesis that sunscreens cause coral bleaching is far from settled science.

Click [here](#) for a copy of the letter sent to House and Senate leadership on this issue.

Recently Dr. Marc Inglese testified before the House Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee in favor of HB 113 and did an amazing job representing FSDDS! You can watch the full House committee meeting [HERE](#):

FSDDS President, J. Matthew Knight, MD, appeared in a two-part series on Fox35 Orlando to discuss opposition SB 318. The two part series can be found HERE: [10.14.19](#) and [10.18.19](#).

Have You Renewed Your Membership Dues? Click on this [LINK](#) to RENEW TODAY!

FSDDS Receives AAD's State Advocacy Grant & 2019 Model State Award

The American Academy of Dermatology's State Policy Committee's Council on

Government Affairs and Health Policy (GAHP) has awarded the FSDDS with a \$7,500 grant from the 2020 State Advocacy Grant Program (SAGP). The Academy's State Society Relationships Committee recognized the FSDDS with the 2019 Model State Award with Honors. This award will be presented to FSDDS leadership during the AAD's Annual Meeting in March.

Donate to the Dermatology PAC of Florida

The FSDDS encourages all members to make the decision to support the [Dermatology PAC of Florida \(Derm PAC\)](#). Derm PAC supports candidates who understand the needs of our patients and profession. Without your contributions we could not support these candidates who help preserve the practice of dermatology in Florida. If you have any questions about Derm PAC please contact Dr. Andrew Weinstein, Chair at (561) 305-3831.

FSDDS 2020 Annual Meeting and 90th Anniversary Celebration

May 15-17, 2020

Breakers - Palm Beach, Florida

Featuring KEYNOTE Richard B. Gunderman, MD, PhD - "Burning Out or Burning Brightly? The Big Picture of Patient Care". A few of the featured SPEAKERS and TOPICS include...

- Roger Ho, MD - "Artificial Intelligence in Dermatology"
- Leslie Baumann, MD - "Cannabis in Dermatology"
- Mark Kaufmann, MD - "The Price of Medications, Access and Physician Burnout"
- Curtis Asbury, MD - "Dermoscopy for the Busy Dermatologist"
- Jill Waibel, MD - "The Future of Energy-Based Devices in Dermatology"
- Elgart & Nousari - "What's New in Practical Dermatopathology"



It's not all business! You don't want to miss the Saturday evening family friendly "Come Sail Away" Yacht Rock themed event. This will be a great opportunity to break out the 80's boat party outfits and enjoy time with friends, family and colleagues as we celebrate 90 years! Admission for you and a guest is included in the registration fee! For more information and to register for this event click [HERE!](#)

FSDDS Board of Directors At-Large Seat

The FSDDS Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for one at-large seat on the FSDDS Board of Directors effective May 16, 2020 for a three-year term. If you are interested in serving or want to nominate a colleague contact Donna Rigo at donna@theassociationcompany.com for more information.
