I get the unique opportunity to present an update about what is occurring at The University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital. The past year was characterized by a number of challenges primarily centered on economic concerns. Fortunately, we seemed to have successfully weathered this storm and our division has been able to continue to expand and grow.

We recruited an outstanding new resident class starting July 1, 2011. This will be the initial group who will be training with us for three years as mandated by the ACGME. In addition, we have also increased our resident complement to nine (3 per year for three years). To comply with these new requirements, we have instituted innovative one to two month competency based rotations. In addition, this will allow enhanced exposure to plastic surgery research and clinical cases. The rotations will be composed of the following:

1) **DERMATOLOGY**: lasers, Moh's chemoresections and dermatopathology
2) **ANESTHESIA**: Intravenous sedation, postoperative pain control, and regional blocks
3) **ENT/ HEAD AND NECK SURGERY**: head and neck cancer management and pediatric ENT issues
4) **ORAL SURGERY**: maxillofacial prosthesis and orthognathic surgery
5) **ORTHOPEDICS**: orthopedic oncology, and limb salvage procedures
6) **SURGICAL ONCOLOGY**: breast conservation surgery

Our teaching of residents remains the main mission of the program. We continue to direct an extremely active and evolving educational curriculum. We have had a number of excellent Visiting Professors including Drs. Mary McGrath-ASAPS, Jeffrey Marsh-ASMS, Keith Brandt-PSEF, Warren Hammert-ASSH, and Gustavo Colon. Our innovative “The Business of Plastic Surgery” with our Voluntary faculty under the directorship of Dr. Randy Miller current President of The Florida Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and mentorship remain excellent instructional adjuncts. Each resident has a requirement of producing an annual project that is either published or presented at a meeting. Drs John C. Oeltjen and Chichi Berhane presented our division’s work with Alloderm & Breast Reconstruction at the FSPS annual meeting in December. Dr. Arthur Desrosiers had two papers accepted for presentation at The Annual American Cleft Palate Association in San Juan Puerto Rico. Our basic science laboratory in collaboration with Dr. Sharon Elliott in the ‘Lab for Wound Healing, Aging, and Gender Differentiation” continues to progress and develop new areas in wound healing to explore. Our current research fellow, Dr. Rosie Roeder has had our work with the “Dose Dependent Effects of Vitamin D on Wound Healing of Human Skin” presented as a poster at the past America College of Surgery –Association of Women Surgeons’ meeting in Washington, DC. We are now working on an experimental project detailing with the role of Vitamin D in wound healing. This work will be continued by Dr. Bassan Allan who is currently a categorical resident in our UM General Surgery program. He will be spending two years fulfilling his research requirement. The division continues to be extremely active in scholastic pursuits. Drs. Oeltjen, Panthaki, and myself are currently working on two plastic surgery textbooks, Dr. Salgado recently submitted a Clinics of Plastic Surgery edition on Vaginal
Reconstruction. The division was also privileged to host two meetings this year: The ASMS Basic Maxillofacial Course and Challenges in the Management of Cleft in the Underdeveloped World. This had an exceptional faculty including such luminaries as Dr. William McGee from Operation Smile and Dr. Samuel Noordhoff. In addition, we maintain to amplify the expansion of the Plastic Surgery Hyperguide. This is a web based educational site available to all of our plastic surgery colleagues. We remain intimately involved with our medical school student education. We direct an annual suture training course for the medical school students and involve them in a variety of our educational activities. We are also initiating a comprehensive history of the Plastic Surgery program at UM/JMH, which will celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Please assist us with forwarding us any recollections, photos, anecdotes etc...

We have added to our exceptional full-time faculty: Dr. Christopher Salgado joined us in June 2010 from Case Western Reserve University as an Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery. He brings with him extensive clinical expertise in reconstructive microsurgery. He will assume the position of Chief of the Plastic Surgery section at The University of Miami Hospital. Dr. Salgado will continue to enrich our program at the former Cedars Medical Center. Dr. Salgado has taken both an active and leadership role in both the Wound Care Center at the Miami VAH, UMH, and Jackson South Community Hospital. This has added to our clinical material for resident training. In addition, Dr. Salgado has initiated two additional new programs. He will work with colleagues from GYO and Psychiatry to develop a Transgender Clinic and Hernia Institute with the Division of Laparoscopic Surgery and General Surgery. Dr. Haaris Mir will start July 2011 following completion of his Plastic Surgery residency and Burn Fellowship at The University of Indiana. He has already finished a Hand and Microsurgery Fellowship at The Christine Kleinert Hand Institute in Louisville, KY. Dr. Mir will employ his expertise and assist in the development of our Hand Fellowship under the directorship of Dr. Panthaki. He will also work closely with our colleagues on the UM/JMH Burn service and enhance both our clinical capabilities and resident educational opportunities in this field. Dr. Morad Askari will also be joining us in September 2011. Dr. Askari completed his Plastic Surgery training at the integrated program at USC/LA County and a Hand Fellowship at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. Dr. Askari will also assist in the development of the hand service and work closely with colleagues in the UM Department of Orthopaedics. Dr. Zubin Panthaki continues to expand the Hand and Plastic Surgery Program at The Miami Veterans Medical Center. Dr. Panthaki has also assumed the new position of Chief of Hand Surgery at The University of Miami Hospital. He will help the division continue the growth of our hand program and fellowship. Dr. John Oeltjen maintains the progress of the breast reconstruction and reconstructive microsurgery program in conjunction with our colleagues in Surgical Oncology and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Lastly, I have worked in conjunction with Dr. Nestor De La Cruz, Chief of Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgeon to develop a post bariatric surgery clinic. This growth will allow the division to provide a vast array of new and exciting clinical services to our patients and continue to develop working relationships within our community.

We continue our commitment to community service. The division was intimately involved with the efforts associated with the post earthquake disaster in Haiti. We actively participated by going to Haiti. During the aftermath, the division organized regularly scheduled plastic surgery coverage during the six months following the catastrophe. We have reinstated our regularly scheduled surgical missions to Port Au Prince Haiti. This is performed in coordination with Project Medishare. During these visits we center our resources on cleft lip/palate, burn reconstruction, and hand surgery. If anyone is interested in participating, please inform us of your desires.

Lastly, we have augmented our fundraising efforts. We are commencing our agenda “The Many Faces of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery”. There will be a number of opportunities for each of you to actively participate.

The Division is facing our “50th Anniversary.” We hope to embark on a number of special events to mark this auspicious achievement. One of our medical school students, Yash Avashia and Voluntary Faculty, Dr. Robert Fabric will be contacting you directly to request your memories, stories, vignettes, and photos to include in the special event.

Challenges remain. These are specifically related to the economic environment. In spite of this, the division maintains an active and significant role in our medical center. We will retain our current trajectory and provide both superior and cost effective patient care and develop outstanding independent practicing plastic surgeons who will continue the tradition of UM/JMH.
Urmen Desai, M.D.
Urmen was born and raised in a suburb outside Boston in Newton, Massachusetts. While in high school, he was involved in pre-college coursework at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) before completing his undergraduate education in Neuroscience in upstate New York. After he graduated, Urmen traveled to India to volunteer for Mother Teresa's Missionary in Calcutta at a leprosy camp learning the basics of wound care. He also worked for the World Health Organization (WHO) in New Delhi. He returned to Boston, where he received a graduate degree from Harvard University while simultaneously pursuing his medical degree from Tufts University. He went on to complete his residency training rotating between Brown Medical School, Tufts Medical Center, and Children's Hospital Boston - Harvard Medical School. During his residency, Urmen was active in research in the department of Plastic Surgery at the Children's Hospital in Boston under the supervision of craniofacial surgeons, Drs. Mulliken, Meara and Rogers. His work has been recently published in *The Journal of Craniofacial Surgery*. After residency, Urmen was selected for the coveted fellowship in Advanced Aesthetic Plastic Surgery at the Ellenbogen Institute of Plastic Surgery & Beverly Hills Body clinic in Beverly Hills, California under the tutelage of Dr. Richard Ellenbogen. In addition to his clinical obligations during his fellowship year, Urmen spent time redefining the use of stem cells in facelift and fat grafting procedures. His academic interests are focused to craniofacial surgery. Urmen has been dedicated to international service for which he traveled to rural south-west China on a cleft-lip and cleft-palate reconstruction project, built a school house in Ecuador, and volunteered after the 2005 tsunami disaster on the island of Koh Phi Phi, Thailand. In his free time, Urmen likes to run (Boston & New York Marathons), improve on his golf game, and become a better surfer.

Ari Hoschander, M.D.
Ari graduated from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 2006 with Special Distinction for Research in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He continued his medical career as a general surgery resident at the North Shore/Long Island Jewish – Hofstra School of Medicine Health System where he is completing his fifth year. Ari is a member of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn-Long Island Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He also serves as an active member of the Graduate Medical Education Committee for the North Shore/Long Island Jewish – Hofstra School of Medicine Health System. In 2009, he received the Department of Surgery's Resident Teaching Award recognizing his continuous and noteworthy role in resident and medical student education. He continues to serve as a mentor for many residents and students and has spearheaded many surgical education initiatives. Ari has published many peer reviewed articles as well as textbook chapters in basic science, General Surgery and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is currently serving as a Chief Resident for the Department of Surgery at the North Shore/Long Island Jewish – Hofstra School of Medicine Health System. He will continue his formal training as a resident in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Miami.

Jason Edens, M.D.
Jason grew up in Oklahoma and graduated from Duncan High School in 1997. He completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology at Oklahoma State University, and graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2001. He completed his medical degree at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in 2005, and received the Frank M. Clingan Award for Outstanding Student in General Surgery. He began his General Surgery Residency at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, in 2005, and he will complete his training in June 2011. During his residency, he spent one year in the United States Army Institute of Surgical Research as a research fellow focusing on multiple aspects of combat casualty care. His professional interests include trauma and burn reconstruction.
**Current Senior Resident Future Plans**

Arthur Desrosiers III, M.D.
Academically, 2010 was busy. Arthur submitted 3 papers to peer-reviewed journals, wrote a tutorial for the Plastic Surgery Hyperguide, and had 2 papers accepted that he will present at the American Cleft Palate–Craniofacial Association national meeting in Puerto Rico in April 2011. After the Haitian earthquake last January, Arthur was invited as a guest speaker at the fundraiser at the Viceroy Hotel to raise money for the Haitian relief efforts. He has volunteered with Operation Smile since 2007, and has been asked to participate on a surgical mission in India in July 2011. Additionally, he will be traveling to Haiti with Project MediShare in 2011 with the University of Miami.

Michael Lake, M.D.
Dr. Lake plans on returning to Ft. Bragg, NC as a general plastic surgeon. He will be joining Maj Juan Ortiz, who is a recent graduate of a plastic surgery program in Tennessee and also plans on joining Donald Serafin, who is retired chair of plastic surgery division at Duke University. Mike looks forward to working with them and continuing as a plastic surgeon. His future plans are to return to Miami and work for the VA system as part of his 2 year commitment to the Army.

Piotr Skowronsni, M.D.
Upon graduation, Piotr will be joining a cosmetic and breast reconstructive private practice in Georgia. As he remains very interested in reconstruction as well as tissue engineering and regeneration, he has future plans of becoming university-affiliated once settled and established a few years out. He is engaged to Liz Hansford and the couple are making plans for a traditional southern wedding. Piotr has enjoyed the vast opportunities that Miami has offered and the friendships forged here.
Chichi Berhane, M.D.
Chichi passed his general surgery written boards and is pending his oral exams later this year. His professional interests are Aesthetic, Craniofacial and reconstruction surgery. Chichi is planning to do a Craniofacial Fellowship once he completes his Plastic Surgery Residency. In his spare time, he enjoys playing soccer, basketball, golf; and attending church.

Tarik Husain, M.D.
Tarik is board certified in Orthopaedic Surgery and passed the sports medicine subspecialty exam. Tarik is currently in the application process for a hand fellowship. His professional interests are in extremity reconstruction, hand and aesthetic surgery. His hobbies include snowboarding, weight lifting, running and travel.

Benjamin Cousins, M.D.
Ben recently passed his general surgery boards and awaits completion of the oral examination later in the spring. He remains interested in surgery of the hand and is actively seeking fellowship opportunities. After his fellowship, Ben is looking to practice in either a university based or private practice setting and he has no geographical restrictions as long as there are tennis courts nearby.
Charles Volpe, M.D.

Charlie grew up in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. He attended the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and graduated with a B.A. in Biochemistry. He later attended Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia.

Charlie’s surgical training includes completion of his General Surgery residency at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts and general Plastic Surgery training at McGill University, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Further training in Craniofacial Surgery and cosmetic surgery was completed with faculty from the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, Maryland. He is an avid do-it-yourselfer and enjoys home remodeling and construction. He also enjoys collecting fine wine, gourmet cooking and caring for his large orchid collection.

Hand Fellow 2010-2011

Past Resident News

MAJ ERICK MARTELL is stationed at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii and recently served a tour in Iraq with the 21st Combat Support Hospital. His practice consists of reconstruction on soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and he is also actively involved in microvascular reconstruction of breast cancer patients. He is on the Cleft Team which conducts humanitarian missions to the pacific islands and Southeast Asia. During his spare time he enjoys cycling and off shore deep sea fishing.

ANIL P. PUNJABI continues practicing at Loma Linda University as Associate Clinical Professor. His daughter, Ayesha who is currently attending UC Berkely is in the process of interviewing for medical schools and has a deep interest in attending the University of Miami School of Medicine.

KERRY LATHAM is completing a craniofacial fellowship in Seattle at U Washington and will be going to Walter Reed Hospital upon completion.

JEFFREY HAMMOUDEH remains at CHLA/USC and he and his wife are expecting a baby.

"Congratulations to the following past residents on passing Written and/or Oral Exams:

Written Exams - Woody Kassira, Michael Lofgren, Mari Rebane
Oral Exams - Rajiv Iyer, Ramiro Perez

Plastic Surgery Resident Clinic Update

DR. PETER JAMES and DR. ALAN RAPPERPORT continue to supervise our resident clinic. In spite of recent financial challenges, the clinic has remained an invaluable resource for resident education and clinical experience. This setting with faculty supervision with Drs. Rapperport and James allows the residents to see new patients and develop a treatment plan as well as follow their patients for the long-term. In the past, we had a comprehensive resident aesthetic clinic which with the improving economic environment, believe we can re-develop.
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A NIGHT OF FUNDRAISING ON WORTH AVENUE

On Sunday December 12th, Restauranteur, businesswoman, and socialite Arlene Desiderio hosted a fundraising reception at the elegant Renato’s restaurant on Worth Avenue in Palm Beach. The fundraiser kicked-off the “Many Faces of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery” Fundraising Campaign and raised over $10,000 in support of Education and Research. Thanks to Arlene Desiderio and her many friends, the Division of Plastic Surgery is moving one step closer to advancing research, education, and correcting deformities.

To find out how you can make a difference and to support the Campaign, please contact Cory Witherspoon, Director of Development at (305) 243-4150.

Arlene Desiderio

UM Medical Student News By Yash Avashia

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CALLING ALL ALUMNI

In December of 2010, the Division of Plastic Surgery kicked off its “Many Faces of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery” Fundraising Campaign to raise money to complete the Residents Education Endowment Fund and to establish an Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery to advance research. Over the next couple of months we will be contacting you directly to obtain your support. We are asking all alumni to “step up to the plate” and help make this campaign a success.

Recently, the Division of Trauma and the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery successfully completed Alumni Fundraising Campaigns and raised over $500,000 each. Surely we can top this.

Let’s Get Ready, Let’s Get PLASTIC Or Should We Say Pull Out Your PLASTIC And Donate Today!
Plastic Surgery Events

2010 Graduation
Marie Rebane, M.D., Michael Lofgren, M.D. and Woody Kassira, M.D.

Resident Graduation Dinner 2010
Havana Boys

ASMS Basic Maxillofacial Principles & Techniques
January 14-15, 2011
Plastic Surgery Events continued

SCCC and Saks Fifth Avenue Event
Dr. Panthaki at the “Key To The Cure” Saks Fifth Avenue and Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center/University of Miami Miller School of Medicine event on October 20, 2010

Plastic Surgery Staff
Rosemarie Marmolejo, Carmen Fernandez, Elizabeth Sarmiento, Carla Arevalo, Mayra Ramos, Teresa Shipman, Helen Gonzalez, Jessica Loaiza, Monica Feliz, Venice Rodriguez, Ana Guiterrez

UM Division of Plastic Surgery Administration Office
The Division of Plastic Surgery has moved across campus. We are now located in the Clinical Research Building (CRB) 1120 NW 14th Street, Miami, FL 33136 Ph: 305-243-4500

KLS Workshop with Plastic Surgery Residents
Welcoming Party 2010
The Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons (FSPS) is delighted to provide this update for the University of Miami, Division of Plastic Surgery newsletter by Dr. Onelio Garcia and Dr. Randy Miller. While many medical organizations across the U.S. are seeing decreases in membership, FSPS numbers continue to grow. Florida plastic surgeons are seeing the benefits of strong advocacy at our state level. In many ways this advocacy has helped to preserve our specialty. Time and time again, we are reminded of the benefits of cohesion and organized medicine, particularly within the specialty of plastic surgery.

The recently created FSPS Patient Safety Foundation has become recognized by our patients and vendors as an educational body with a clear emphasis on quality care, proper training and credentials as they relate to patient safety. Providing this information has been helpful in our mission to educate the public and provide a high standard of care.

The FSPS annual meeting continues to gain popularity and receive fantastic reviews. Distinguished lectures with historical perspective and great advice abound. Recent keynote speakers include Drs. Tom Biggs, Carl Hartrampf and Norman Cole. Melvin Spira, MD, DDS will grace the podium as this year’s keynote speaker. Upcoming panels and topics include rhinoplasty, fat transfer and the role of stem cells in plastic surgery. Basic science collaboration and peer reviewed clinical research continue to provide our members and guests with cutting edge data and consensus on patient care.

Each year, during the annual meeting of the Florida Medical Association, we hold an interim meeting of the FSPS. Continuing Medical Education credits are offered and topics include items from the House of Delegates, office management, legislation and clinical care. Collaboration with between our state specialty society and our state medical association provide synergy and even more traction to accomplish our goals.

The FSPS leadership has decided to continue a very successful membership drive for one more year. Each FSPS applicant enrolled through the drive receives a 50% reduction in first year dues and meeting registration at the member rate during the application process. This incentive has resulted in a large number of new applications and greater strength to the society overall.

Mr. Nuland, our FSPS lobbyist and general counsel, continues to provide a great service with access to the most accurate legal and legislative information and support where we need it the most, in Tallahassee. The FSPS directors and trustees would say that Mr. Nuland is a most value added partner and an essential part of our organization.

The current officers and directors of the Florida Society of plastic surgeons include the following; President, Randy Miller, M.D., private practice, Miami. President-elect, Galen Perdikis M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville. Secretary, Braun Graham, M.D., private practice, Sarasota. Treasurer, Cayce Rumsey, M.D., private practice, Ponte Vedra. Director, Thomas Zaydon, Jr., M.D., private practice, Miami. Director, David Halpern, M.D., private practice, Tampa. Director and Mauricio Castellon, M.D., private practice, Melbourne.

2010 FSPS Trustees include Enrique Fernandes, M.D., Onelio Garcia, M.D., Ralph Rosato, M.D., John Obi, M.D., and Reza Samian, M.D.

Our relationships and collaboration with the residency training programs in the state of Florida continues to flourish. The resident paper competition has been noted as a favorite part of the annual meeting. This coming year, Dr. Melvin Spira will conduct a rocking chair lunch conference with residents from all the training programs in the state. All questions will be answered and pearls/advice will be given. The FSPS continues to be a great resource for our residents, the plastic surgeons of the future.

The FSPS government relations and involvement with the Florida Board of Medicine have created a very solid foundation for the future of our specialty. Our concerns regarding scope of practice and patient safety of are being heard and acted on. We could not ask for a better relations or support.

Other accomplishments of the FSPS include the elimination of a possible cosmetic surgery tax. Our society has also facilitated the continuation of properly credentialed office surgery. The passing of Senate Bill 1122 was a great victory for plastic surgeons performing insurance based surgery. This bill ensures that the surgeon gets paid directly for services performed.

The most recent FSPS annual meeting was held at Disney's Boardwalk Hotel in Orlando. The faculty included local, national and international speakers of the highest esteem. The lectures and panels were extensive in depth and the speakers were very approachable. It is great to see so many leaders in plastic surgery requesting to lecture at our meetings. The FSPS has truly become a model state society.

As frequently and accurately stated, plastic surgery advocacy is greatest at the state level. Whether a member of the FSPS or not, every plastic surgeon in the state of Florida benefits from the hard work and success of the Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons. For this reason and because there is safety and strength in numbers, we encourage all plastic surgeons in Florida to become involved as members and participate in our society.

The next annual meeting of the FSPS will be held at the Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa in Fort Myers on December 1-4, 2011. We hope to see you there! For more information log onto www.fspso.org.
Dr. Max Polo on The Miami Society of Plastic Surgeons is in the midst of another exciting year. Our membership continues to grow as we strive to reach our ultimate goal of participation by every board certified or board eligible plastic surgeon in South Florida. Our growing membership and continued corporate sponsorship has allowed us to carry on the tradition of years past, of putting on quality dinner meetings at spectacular local venues, with highly regarded guest speakers. Our meetings regularly attract attendance by 40 to 60 members and guests, with an excellent mixture of community surgeons with faculty, residents and students from the University of Miami and the Cleveland Clinic.

Under the leadership of president Alan Serure, M.D., vice-president John Oeltjen, M.D., and immediate past president Pat Pazmino, M.D., we have had an eventful half-year. Our first meeting was held in September at Capital Grille on Brickell. A collaboration with the University of Miami, and sponsored by Medicis, it featured a glimpse into the future with a revealing talk by Dr. Mary McGrath on off-shore surgery and medical tourism. In November, the society enjoyed a memorable night at The Forge in Miami Beach. The meeting was sponsored by Allergan and all present thoroughly enjoyed a fascinating discussion by Dr. Gustavo Colon on the history of medicine in New Orleans. In December we were hosted by LifeCell at Fleming’s in Coral Gables. Dr. Jason Pozner shared his experience in revision breast augmentation, including with use of acellular dermal matrices.

We are now looking forward to an equally exciting remainder of the 2010-2011 academic year. Our next meeting will be held on February 8th, again at The Forge, and again sponsored by LifeCell. Dr. Maurice Nahabedian will present a discussion of complicated breast reconstruction. As always, we welcome all University of Miami alumni to attend our society meetings, as well as any new comers to the local plastic surgery community. From our members, we invite any suggestions for meeting venues, guest speakers and topics for discussion. We hope to continue to provide opportunities for education and collegiality for the betterment of our members, our local community and our specialty. We are grateful to all of you for your interest and support.

The Palm Beach County Society of Plastic Surgeons update for 2010 by Dr. Alan B. Pillersdorf. We are group of 56 Board Certified Plastic Surgeons with a single goal: To help promote the practice Plastic Surgery in South Florida in a collegial manner. Our current officers include our 2 term president Alan B. Pillersdorf, M.D., vice-president Lawrence Korpeck, M.D., and our treasurer Rafael Cabrera, M.D.

We met four times in 2010, and our last meeting was with Maurice Nahabedian, M.D., Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery, Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C. who discussed the cosmetic and reconstructive uses of Acellular Dermis Alloderm and Strattice.

Our next meeting is our election of officers and Lecture by Bruce Hindin, D.O., Anesthesiologist/Pain Management about the use of Nucenta in Plastic Surgery Patients.

Our Group believes in having a collegial atmosphere to discuss current issues affecting our ability to practice in South Florida, and the idea that as Plastic Surgeons, together as a group we are stronger.

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