

## 2012 Meetings and Events

### LCMS General Meeting

**March 15, 2012**  
**FineMark National Bank & Trust**  
**12681 Creekside Lane**  
**Fort Myers, FL 33919**

#### Speaker:

**James E. Croley, M. D.**

**"How to Choose the Right EMR"**

#### RSVP to:

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## President's Message

Richard Macchiaroli, MD



I would like to thank all of the members of the Lee County Medical Society for entrusting me with the presidency of your organization this year. I would also like to introduce myself to any members that I have not had the privilege of meeting through either work or the medical society over the past decade. I have been practicing Emergency Medicine in Lee County for 10 years and currently serve as the Medical Director of the Emergency Department at HealthPark Medical Center. I attended the University of Notre Dame for undergraduate study and Georgetown University for medical school. I am currently board certified in Emergency Medicine, having previously completed an emergency medicine residency at Orlando Regional Medical Center in 2001. My wife, Mary, and I have been married for 16 years. She has been very active in the Lee County Medical Society Alliance for many years having served as a past president. We both hail from the Washington, DC area.

I have had the privilege of working and socializing with many of our members throughout my time in Fort Myers. I look forward to the challenges of the LCMS presidency and hope to know many more of you before the year's end. The medical society has been a very influential part of my practice here, from legislative accomplishments to practice development and compliance, and social opportunities. Our local and state medical associations have clearly established themselves as a pro physician force in several recent legislative sessions in Tallahassee and seem poised to further these gains in the upcoming session. LCMS monitoring of regulatory developments in complex areas such as electronic medical records, accountable care organizations, health information exchanges, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and many others certainly continue to enhance our practices as we proceed through this ever-changing environment.

With the continued support of our legislative and practice development measures as the primary mission of LCMS, my goals for this upcoming year focus on two areas. I would like to publicly promote an attitude of pride and positivity in medicine in Lee County, as well as continue to promote a united physician voice by significantly growing membership.

More than ever, we need to look inward and realize that our career choices have a genuine measure of altruism, care, and dedication rarely surpassed by other professions. Dr. Craig Sweet has created the annual service awards to honor physicians within the medical community We should

## 2012 Goals

strive to continue and expand this recognition for our members. We are currently working on a public relations program proposed by Dr. Trevor Elmquist to highlight physician-patient relationships. The idea would be to relate positive patient-physician stories from the patient perspective to the community. The board has also initiated a new program to promote LCMS physician attendance at local charity events. I believe we will have further initiatives to come, highlighting the positive nature of physician work in our community.

In these days of diverging inpatient and outpatient medicine, electronic medical records, and hospital specific service lines, I believe that organizations such as LCMS have some of their most significant tasks and value in keeping physicians united. LCMS allows us to meet, network, and socialize with each other in a way that previously occurred at the hospital. It affords us the opportunity to have a physician voice in a world where our value seems to be continually challenged by many who are not physicians. Philosophically, I believe strongly that we must strive to maintain a high level of physician unity as we have greater strength and influence together. This will allow us to move forward in a challenging regulatory and legal world in order to provide the best possible care for our patients. To this end, we will be supporting a membership drive to continue to strengthen our physician voice. To help recruit new members, we will promote a membership campaign. If you recruit three new members, your dues for the next year will be free. We will continue efforts to improve the social atmosphere at LCMS by continuing with LCMSA happy hours, the Red Sox baseball game, the wine tasting social and our new Christmas party venue at Gulf Harbor, as well as local charity event attendance and the possibility of a Barbara B. Mann event and a local golf tournament.

As physicians, we have multiple strengths through LCMS. The legislative agenda is obviously of major importance and the wheels are, and have been, churning and we need to continue this support. Helping you practice medicine in this developing regulatory world has and always will be the primary mission of the medical society. Through LCMS, we must place a focus on physician unity through membership, as we have so few venues to meet and know one another anymore. Finally, it is time to publicly view our daily work and patient interactions in a positive light instead of focusing on all of the surrounding negativity. We are dedicated physicians caring daily for patients, and this should be recognized with pride.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the baseball game and the general meeting in March.

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*The purpose of the LCMS is to unite the medical profession of Lee County, FL, into one compact organization; extend medical knowledge and advance medical science; elevate the standards of medical education; strive for the enactment, preservation and enforcement of just medical and public health laws; promote friendly relations among doctors of medicine and guard and foster their legitimate interests; enlighten and alert the public, and merit its respect and confidence.*

*All LCMS Board of Governors and Committee meeting minutes are available for all members to review.*

## Membership News

**Resigned**

**Wendy Bond, M.D.**

**Retired**

Congratulations to Janet Clark, M.D. on her retirement from active practice. Dr. Clark was in practice with Medical Anesthesia and Pain Mgmt Consultants of Fort Myers, FL. Dr. Clark joined the Medical Society in May, 2001.

**New Address**

**Steven R. West, M.D.**

St. Vincent Medical Group  
225 S. Pine Street, Ste 120  
Seymour, IN 47274

**Correction: January Bulletin**

**Tamin Ghith, M.D.** is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He was listed as board eligible.

**New Practice**

**Robert W. Pollack, MD**  
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Fort Myers, FL 33912  
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**Pictorial Directory Corrections  
Photo omitted**

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Dermatology  
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326 Del Prado Blvd. N. Ste 301  
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**Deceased**

**Philip Marshall Payne, II M.D.**, Dr. Payne passed away on December 20, 2012. He was a practicing Urologist in Fort Myers for many years. Dr. Payne was a member of the LCMS from June 1965 – September 1979.

## New Requirements for Physicians Licensed in Florida

Effective January 1, 2012, physicians licensed in Florida who prescribe any controlled substance as defined in s.893.03 for the treatment of chronic, nonmalignant pain must designate himself or herself as a controlled substance prescribing practitioner on the practitioner profile (FS 456.44(2)). "Chronic, non malignant pain" is defined as pain unrelated to cancer or rheumatoid arthritis that persists beyond the usual course of disease or the injury that is the cause of the pain or more than 90 days after surgery. Failure to comply with the new regulation can result in disciplinary action by the respective licensing board. Physician profiles may be updated electronically at:

<http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/mqaservices/login.asp>

## Physicians in the News

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011 LIFE MEMBERS

**K. C. DEVA CAANTHAN, M.D.**  
**HILARIO DAVID, M.D.**  
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**KONSTANTINE YANKOPOLUS, M.D.**

## New Applicants

**Daron L. Scherr, MD**— Dr. Scherr received his MD degree from the University of Alabama in 1995. He completed his internship / residency with Maine Medical Center, Portland, ME from 1995-1998. Dr. Scherr is in solo practice with The Sleep Institute, 8359 Beacon Blvd. Ste 102, Fort Myers, FL 33907—Tel: 239-425-2600.



## As I Recall...

Roger D. Scott, M.D.

# OLD DOCTORS

It was in 1964 that I had been here for six years when we had grown to 39 physicians (all M.D.'s) in Lee County as compared to 30 when I arrived in 1958. Several older physicians had died but were replaced by new young ones, and the beginning of the increasing number of new physicians arriving each year. The purpose of this article is to acquaint you with the names and a brief note regarding each of your predecessors. The (L) means living, the (?) means lost to follow up. All the rest that do not have one of these designations are deceased. The majority of the physicians belonged to the staff of Lee Memorial & Jones Walker Hospitals and were members of the Lee, Charlotte, Hendry & Collier County Medical Society which I believe was a requirement for hospital privileges. Only the doctors with an (X) were definitely not society members or on the hospital staff and a (Z) means I'm not sure if they were a member. This appears to be more like a Memorial Day article, but this is Leap Year so I have Leaped ahead while a few of us are still alive. Here is the 1964 list.

Carey N. Barry (oldest still living at 93) was the second board certified Urologist here. Fred D. Bartleson was a general practitioner and a hometown "boy". Peter Bercaw (L) practiced internal medicine & cardiology with Fred J. Burford. Maurice Borow (X) was the third to practice family medicine at the beach. Gustave F. Bieber was solo, but one of four who practiced Obstetrics & Gynecology in town. Orville Blank practiced OB-GYN and was junior partner with Laurent V. Radkins whose family owned in Chicago the largest incense company in the U.S.A.. Robert F. Boudreau was our first dermatologist. James L. Bradley was the first board trained, but the third to be American Board of Surgery certified. Robin C. Brown (L) practiced ENT and was the junior partner of William N. Dakos (L), the second ENT specialist here. C. Gordon Merrick was the first board certified EENT (Eye Ear Nose Throat) specialist who was "grandfathered" into the Board when it was formed. I believe he was a LCMS member, but I don't remember him at our meetings & I don't believe he had hospital privileges then, but did in the past. I visited his office when I came to town, and it was like stepping back to Victorian times.

Frank M. Bryan was a hometown boy and the first board-certified internal medicine (IM) practitioner who was joined in practice by J. Frank Rawl and then Tom W. Gore (L). James Carver (?) was a young solo general practitioner who playing the tuba and moved to the East Coast several years later to be near his wife's twin sister. Robert F. Conti (?) was a radiologist joining in private practice John S. Stewart who was the first board-certified radiologist. Theodore A. David, Jr. was the second board certified surgeon coming here from Philadelphia. He ultimately went to Oklahoma to practice and died there. Angus Grace was an early internist who grew up in Fort Myers and he later added Edward Peres to form the Grace-Peres Clinic out east on Riverside Drive in East Fort Myers. Curtis House an older solo general practitioner was born in Chokoloskee-yes it's true, Florida, and later moved his home and office to Sanibel. Joseph K. Isley (L) was the second board-certified radiologist and employed by Lee Memorial. Joe and I joined the staff of Lee Memorial the same day. M. F. Johnson was truly an old horse and buggy doctor here for many years and still had his old buggy in his garage as a souvenir. Harris Quillian Jones was an older practitioner of medicine and did much of the major surgery here, and his son, Harris Quillian Jones Junior (born on the Fourth of July) was the third board-trained surgeon. Quill, Jr. and I worked closely together until he decided to form the first surgical group in town, but I decided to remain solo forever.

Frederick O. Krauss (?) was our first psychiatrist. John J. Kruger (?) was the second pathologist at Lee Memorial, but moved back to Virginia. Andrew J. Leon (?) was our first Jewish physician who had difficulty getting hospital privileges because he was Jewish, but was later admitted to the staff and accepted in the community. Richard E. Menzel (Z & ?) family practiced in "Beautiful Lehigh Acres". Marcus M. Moore was a pediatrician who joined the practice of Thomas M. Wiley, (the second board certified pediatrician) and Charles C. Donegan to form the Children's Clinic. Charlie was sadly killed as a young man in an automobile accident on McGregor Boulevard. Joseph Lawrence was a Lee County Health Department physician. Roy S. Giles (L) was a solo general practitioner born in Fort Myers and graduated in the third class from University of Miami School of Medicine. Leland K. Glenn (L) was our first board certified ophthalmologist. Richard W. Plummer was a solo practitioner who died fairly young from lung carcinoma. Adrian Q. Pollock was a hometown boy who practiced solo pediatrics and died at a young age of an autoimmune disorder. Wilson A. Rumberger was a family practitioner who was joined by Edward W. Salko. Wilson was the only doctor besides Jim Bradley (a surgeon) who said that I was not needed in the community when I was looking for a place to practice!

Ann Rush (?) a family practitioner whom I do not remember and lists only a phone number (North Fort Myers) rather than an office location. I believe her to be our first female physician. James B. Schutt retired from practice in Indiana to become the second family physician at the beach. He was older and called a "spade a spade". Roger D. Scott "Practice Limited to Surgery" was the first board-certified surgeon office hours by appointment and also Saturday afternoon office hours. Joseph L. Selden, Jr. practiced OB-GYN and the first to specialize in female surgery. S. M. Simon (X) was a physician and surgeon operating the Tice Medical Clinic. Harvie J. Stipe was a physician and surgeon performing major surgical procedures. Robert Tate was the first doctor and general practitioner in Cape Coral and drove the very long way to care for his patients at Lee Memorial. Clifford E. Vinson was the third urologist (his father was the first) to practice here. Jack C. W. Warnock was the first orthopedist here. T. W. Weeks, Jr. practiced first in North Fort Myers and then moved to Bonita Springs to be its first family practitioner. I believe all of the above to have been members of the 1964 Lee Charlotte Hendry Collier Medical Society except Dr. Rush and those with an "X" mark. Charlotte and Collier counties pulled out of the medical society sometime around then leaving only the Lee Hendry County Medical Society to ultimately become simply the Lee County Medical Society. The majority of physicians coming to town did apply to the medical society for admission. In those days voting of the members was done using the "blackball" method. If you're not familiar with this method let me offer an explanation. Each society member had a large marble size white and a similar black ball and secretly one of the balls would be placed in the ballot box by each member. One black ball would signify rejection of the applicant. I always felt that the voting was proper and that each qualified applicant was admitted to the society. Time proved that the physicians listed in this article who were blackballed deserved their fate. Many of the above doctors are mentioned or subjects of various *As I Recall* articles over the years. Well that's the way I recall it.

We are saddened by the recent death of Philip M. Payne (urologist) who later came to Fort Myers as a partner to Carey N. Barry. Phil moved his practice back to Virginia some years ago.

# PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

Florida's PDMP is called E-FORCSE and you can access a wealth of information about it at <http://www.e-forcse.com>.

E-FORCSE is a database that can collect and store schedule II, III and IV controlled substance dispensing information. Dispensers of schedule II, III and IV controlled substances must report to the database within 7 days of dispensing.

Health care practitioners can register with E-FORCSE to get access to the dispensing information to help guide their decisions in prescribing and also assist in identifying patients who are "doctor shopping" or trying to obtain multiple prescriptions for the same controlled substances from multiple health care practitioners.

If you have a question that is not addressed by the website, you can contact the E-FORCSE program manager, Rebecca Poston at [Rebecca\\_poston@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Rebecca_poston@doh.state.fl.us) or (850)245-4797.

## HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR LICENSE YET?

**IMPORTANT: Licensure Renewal Time for those Physicians Whose License Expire on Jan. 31, 2012**

Check your physical license to determine its expiration date, or access this information at [http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/mqaservices/flhealth\\_index.asp](http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/mqaservices/flhealth_index.asp). Select **Licensee/Provider**, and click on **License Verification**.

Physicians are required to review, and if appropriate, update their Practitioner Profile before renewing their medical license. Section 456.0412, Florida Statutes, requires **all** licensees, regardless of their renewal schedule, to submit profile updates within 15 days of any changes. You may review, update, and confirm the accuracy of your profile information online by visiting [http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/mqaservices/flhealth\\_index.asp](http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/mqaservices/flhealth_index.asp). Select **License/Provider**, click on **View Profile**, and log in with your Account ID. Please note that your user ID and password were mailed with your physical license. Look in the center section, and refer to the Online Services Instructions, item #5.

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**LCMS Alliance Events**

By Mariquita Anderson, LCMS President

**Anti Bullying Task Force Meeting**  
February 15  
5-6 PM  
Lee County Public Education Center  
Board Room @ LCPEC  
2855 Colonial Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33966

**Happy Hour**  
Feb 24  
7-9 PM  
The Edison  
3583 McGregor Blvd  
Fort Myers 33901

**LCMS Alliance Board Meeting**  
February 29  
5-6 PM  
LCMS Office  
13770 Plantation Rd, Suite 1  
Fort Myers 33912

**Summer Kick-Off Party**  
April 14 tentative  
7-10 PM  
at the home of Sara and Brian Krivisky

**MEMORIAM**

**JOSEPH P. O'BRYAN, M.D.**

**JANUARY 4, 1938 — JANUARY 17, 2012**

*Joe Pat was born and raised in Memphis, TN., and educated at Christian Brothers College and the University of Tennessee. Postgraduate training was at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville and the Kennedy VA Hospital in Memphis, with a gastroenterology fellowship at Jackson Memorial. He joined Bryan, Rawl, Gore, Butler and Agnew in 1967, and they were glad to get him. He would wind down his career by taking care of the drug studies for The Heart Group.*

*Along with the stresses of practice in the days before ER physicians and hospitalists, he was President of the medical Staff at Lee Memorial, President of the LCMS and a member of the Florida Board of Medical Examiners. He founded what would become the Ethics Consultation Program.*

*More important than any of the above, he was a good guy: he was hard-working, always cheerful, truly cared for his patients and did not neglect his family, friends, church, library, golf swing or poker group. He kept up with everything, including medicine, by being organized and responsible.*

*He is survived by his wife, Mary, four children, four grandchildren and five siblings. He not only will be missed, he already is.*

**John R. Agnew, M.D.**

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# *Annual Medical Service Awards 2012 Installation of Officers Life Member Recognition*

*The Lee County Medical Society held their Annual Medical Service Awards / Installation of LCMS 2012 Officers and Life Member Recognition on January 20, 2012 at Edison State College.*



AMSA Emcees: Kelly Creswell, NBC-2, Dr. Craig R. Sweet



Award for Leadership & Professionalism presented to Thomas G. Presbrey, M.D.



The Non-Physician Award of Appreciation was presented to the SPCU-Gulf Coast Hospital RN Staff.



2011 Life Members, Drs. H. Dieter Vogtland, Tin Myo Than and Muriel Myint.



Award for Citizenship and Community service presented to Stephen Machiz, M.D.



The Scientific Achievement Award presented to Alexandra M. Eaton, M.D.

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Florida Medical Association (FMA) President Miguel A. Machado, M.D., Invocation of 2012 Officers



FMA President presents the newly installed LCMS 2012 Officers



President, Richard Macchiaroli, M.D. presents Shahid Sultan, M.D., 2011 LCMS President, with a plaque and a caricature for his year of service.



Dr. Scott presented Ann Wilke, Executive Director of the LCMS an Award of Appreciation for her many years of service to medicine in Lee County.

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## AMA RELEASES HEALTH IT TUTORIALS FOR PHYSICIAN PRACTICES

**CHICAGO – January 17, 2012** – The American Medical Association (AMA) released [three online educational tutorials](#) today to help physician practices better implement health information technology (health IT).

“Physician practices may need to redesign and reorganize their office routines so that they can successfully and efficiently adopt health IT,” said AMA President Peter W. Carmel, M.D. “The AMA created these tutorials to help physicians understand how to best implement new technologies, such as ePrescribing, into their practices.”

This series of short video tutorials feature downloadable tools and best practices about health IT for physician practices. The tutorials will provide physicians with guidance on how they might better use health IT in their practices.

The three tutorials cover ePrescribing, pre-visit planning and point-of-care documentation. The first tutorial explains the value of ePrescribing and the quality, safety, and efficiency of ePrescribing compared to handwritten prescriptions. The tutorial also allows physicians to identify opportunities for medication management improvement while enhancing physician and patient convenience.

The pre-visit planning tutorial will help physician practices to establish a pre-visit planning structure that provides full patient information to the physician before the patient arrives. This can create new efficiencies that will allow more time for patient-physician interaction and shorter patient wait times. The point-of-care documentation tutorial addresses decisions regarding the type of hardware used during an office visit. The tutorial also helps physician practices understand the type and format of information that should be entered during a visit.

These activities have been certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™. To view the tutorials, visit [www.ama-cmeonline.com/health\\_it\\_workflow](http://www.ama-cmeonline.com/health_it_workflow).

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## IMPROVE HEALTH for POPULATIONS and COMMUNITIES

Reprint from FMQAI eNotes

### FLORIDA HIE

Florida has a statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE) that will improve the delivery and coordination of health-care.

The following information is provided by Jan Lawrence, Adoption Manager, Harris Health Care Solutions and from the Florida HIE website.

### FLORIDA HIE OVERVIEW (Health Information Exchange)

Harris Healthcare Solutions has been awarded a four-year, \$19 million contract by Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA).

Harris will implement a statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE) infrastructure that will improve the delivery and coordination of healthcare.

Harris Healthcare Solutions and the Florida HIE connect provider networks which include:

- Providers (Doctors, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants...)
- Hospitals
- Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs)
- State Government Agencies

Health entities are provided a timely, secure, and authorized exchange of patient health information for treatment purposes. The solution provided is a network of networks that is open-source, standards-based, and leverages existing provider networks to connect Florida's healthcare providers.

### BENEFITS OF CONNECTING TO THE FLORIDA HIE

- Access to electronic records facilitates patient care, diagnosis, and course of treatment
- Enhances communications between hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies, and referring physicians
- Reduces orders for duplicate procedures, tests, and medications due to lack of information at the time of care

Provides connectivity to services outside of Florida through connection with the Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN)

#### Supports Meaningful Use

Connect as an individual

- Send patient information via Direct Secure Messaging (DSM) to an authorized recipient (through structured or unstructured attachments)

Connect through Health Information Exchange (HIE), Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO), Integrated Delivery Network (IDN), Independent Practice Association (IPA), or other organizations

- Continuity of Care Documents (CCDs) available via Patient Lookup
- Forward CCDs with referrals or at transition of care
- Transmit required reports to Public Health

Access to state data sources

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## FLORIDA HIE (Health Information Exchange) IMPORTANT DATES

### Important March 2, 2012 Deadline-Submission of New and Updated Readiness Questionnaires for Florida HIE Patient Lookup Service Group 3 Deployment Consideration

Harris Corporation and the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) have announced that the deadline for on-boarding to the Florida HIE as part of Group 3, is March 2, 2012.

Link to the current [Readiness Questionnaire](#).

Please send completed applications to: [floridahie@harris.com](mailto:floridahie@harris.com)

Previously submitted Readiness Questionnaires will automatically be considered. Organizations are encouraged to review and update their previously submitted Readiness Questionnaires. Updates are also due by March 2, 2012.

### Important June 1, 2012 Deadline-Florida HIE Deployment and Outreach Subcontract Application Deadline

Harris Corporation and the Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) have announced that the submission deadline to apply for Florida HIE Deployment and Outreach Subcontract funding is June 1, 2012.

Link to the current [Deployment and Outreach Subcontract Application](#).

Please send completed applications to: [floridahie@harris.com](mailto:floridahie@harris.com)

Organizations that are approved by the Agency to on-board to the Florida HIE may apply for these Outreach funds. These funds may be used to facilitate expansion of HIE services through connecting rural and disadvantaged providers to the Florida HIE. Florida HIE services include Patient Look-Up and Direct Secure Messaging.

If you are not currently approved to on-board, your Readiness Questionnaire must be received by March 2, 2012 for consideration of such approval.

Please visit: <https://www.florida-hie.net/Adoption.aspx> to see the listing of the upcoming Direct Secure Messaging (DSM)

Webinars

### **LEARN MORE**

To learn more about the Florida Health Information Exchange go to [www.florida-hie.net](http://www.florida-hie.net) (<https://www.florida-hie.net/>)

## The Medicine Chest Challenge: Disposal of your Old Medicines

This is a link to prescription drop boxes in Lee County: <http://www.americanmedicinechest.com/>

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12995 S. Cleveland Ave.,  
Ste. 171  
12995 S. Cleveland Ave.  
Ft. Myers, Florida 33907  
239-477-1850  
9am to 5pm LOCAL

#### Fort Myers

1560 Pine Ridge Road  
Ft. Myers, Florida 33908  
239-447-1830  
9am to 5pm LOCAL TIME

#### Fort Myers

Lee County Sheriff's Office  
14750 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy  
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