

# CCRAB Newsletter

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## 1. CCRAB Attends Florida Prostate Cancer Advisory Council Meeting

On December 7, 2019, Dr. Cogle represented CCRAB at the Prostate Cancer Advisory Council (PCAC) meeting. PCAC shared updates on their efforts and provided input on the prostate cancer screening Goal 13, its objectives, and its strategies for crafting the 2020-2025 Florida Cancer Plan. To access the new PCAC Annual Report, please go here. <https://com-uro-advisory-council.sites.medinfo.ufl.edu/wordpress/files/2020/02/2019-PCAC-ANNUAL-REPORT.pdf>

## 2. Florida Cancer Plan Published

The new Florida Cancer Plan was published on January 22, in the State Capitol. CCRAB was recognized by the Florida Senate and Florida House. Council Members also made several visits to legislators to advocate for cancer patients, oncologists, and cancer researchers. We are thankful for the time and guidance provided by CCRAB Members Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto and Representative Jamie Grant. Thank you, too, to Drs. Gwede, Cassell, Cogle, and McKee, and Carole Duncanson for representing CCRAB.

## 3. Florida Cancer Plan Presentation

On February 11, 2020, Dr. Cogle will present The Florida Cancer Plan in the statewide Florida Department of Health Grand Rounds. To register for the web-accessible event, go here. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/517221951855562764>

A copy of Dr. Cogle's slides will be put on the Florida Grand Round's website. <http://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/research/florida-health-grand-rounds/index.html>

## 4. CCRAB Member & Staff Spotlight: Dr. Nitesh Paryani

We are pleased to welcome to Dr. Nitesh Paryani as the FMA representative on CCRAB. He is a board certified radiation oncologist practicing in Lakeland. Dr. Paryani spent five years on the Board of Governors for the FMA, and is currently actively involved with American Society for Radiation Oncology, serving on their Congressional Relations, Payor Relations, and Finance committees. Prior to enrolling in medical school, Dr. Paryani worked as a healthcare consultant for the federal healthcare payor practice for a large multinational consulting firm; he also worked as an intern on Capitol Hill.

## 5. Next CCRAB Meeting: Friday, April 17, 2020 at Moffitt Outpatient Center

The next CCRAB meeting will be held on Friday, April 17th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Moffitt McKinley Outpatient Center located at 10920 McKinley Drive in Tampa. Additional details and an agenda will be made available prior to the meeting.



**Florida Cancer Control  
& Research Advisory Council**

The Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council (CCRAB) was established by the Florida Legislature in 1979 with the purpose of advising the Legislature, Governor, and Surgeon General on ways to reduce Florida's cancer burden. Dr. Christopher Cogle is the Chair of CCRAB, and Dr. Clement Gwede is the Vice Chair.