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**Aaron Elkin M.D. is the President of the Broward County Medical Association. Elected by his peers and sworn in by the President of the American Medical Association, Cecil Wilson, M.D., he took the oath of office and became the 84<sup>th</sup> President of the Broward County Medical Association on October 23, 2010. Dr Elkin has been bringing joy and fulfillment to many parents as well as relieving thousands of patients of their ailments for the last 20 years.**

**Aaron Elkin was born in Miami, Florida January 14, 1966. In 1982 he started a lifelong passion for the study and practice of medicine by participating in a local Community Laboratory Research Program. By becoming a scientist at a U.S. army laboratory in Miami, he wrote and performed experiments in microbiology and tested treatments for U.S. army personnel in action all over the world. At the University of Miami, Dr Elkin continued basic science research in Neurochemistry and in Biochemistry. In 1987, Dr Elkin received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from the University of Miami College of Arts and Sciences after 3 years of college and research, graduating with honors of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1991, Dr Elkin received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University Of Miami School Of Medicine. In 1992, he was certified as a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. Later, his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Jackson Memorial Hospital/ University of Miami School of Medicine led him to delivering babies and providing complex and quality medical care as a specialized physician.**

**In 1995, Dr Elkin established his private practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Broward County, South Florida. In 1997, board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) followed in 1998, by becoming a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (FACOG). In 1997-2005, Dr Elkin served on the Board of Directors of the University of Miami OB/GYN Alumni Society and later became president.**

**Dr Elkin was actively practicing in Aventura Hospital and Medical Center in 2000 and became the Vice Chair of the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology until the hospital closed its Obstetrics unit because of escalating insurance costs. Dr Elkin provided key public testimony about OB/GYN practice and tort reform crisis to US Congress House committee on Energy and commerce in 2002 in part of a Florida Governor's Select Task Force on Healthcare Professional Liability Insurance. In 2003, the American Medical Association further quoted Dr Elkin's statements to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary in part of a legislative Hearing to Improve Patient Access to Health Care Services**

**and Provide Improved Medical Care by Reducing the Excessive Burden the Liability System Places on the Health Care Delivery System.**

**In 2005, Dr Elkin became chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Florida. Dr Elkin has served on the Executive Committee at Memorial Regional Hospital since 2004 as well as on numerous Peer review/surgical review committees and the Quality care council advocating for patient safety and care. Dr Elkin is an active member of the Florida Medical Association, participating yearly in the House of Delegates and served on the Committee for Uninsured and Disparities in Health and the Committee for Managed Care (2007-2009).**

**Dr Elkin continued to be an active participant in organized medicine on a local level and joined the Board of Directors of the Broward County Medical Association (BCMA). He served as chairman of the Managed Care Committee as well as the chairman of the Medical Staff Advocacy Committee. The Medical Staff Advocacy Committee was created under the leadership of Dr Elkin and produced the first Physician and Medical Staff Bill of Rights and Responsibilities official document in the United States. The Bill of Rights was later incorporated into official Florida Medical Association policy and used in the creation of its model medical staff hospital bylaws. It was also forwarded this year to the AMA in the anticipation that someday soon it will become a national model for every physician and medical staff. Dr Elkin is an active member of the American Medical Association (AMA).**

**Since 2005, Dr Elkin was engaged in the State of Florida 5 year Medicaid Reform pilot. Dr Elkin has been an outspoken advocate for patient's rights and access for care devoting his practice in part for providing care to those who cannot afford it and through the Medicaid program. In the last few years by public testimony about the experiences of patients and physicians with Medicaid healthcare reform and numerous town hall and state meetings, Dr Elkin's efforts to establish fairness, equity and transparency for patients was heard all over Florida. And such culminated in voicing concerns for patient's wellbeing and access for care in a letter to the Director of the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services at the Federal Government (CMS). Following his letter, a response letter to the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) about extending the research and demonstration project under the 1115 Waiver by CMS indicated that concerns and issues with the Medicaid Reform pilot were identified and furthermore CMS will not extend the Medicaid experiment as is and will work together with all parties to address such public concerns.**

**In late 2010, Dr Elkin was honored and was addressed by personal letters of support from the Governor of Florida, United States Congress, United States Senate: "Dr Elkin's dedication and commitment to serve the people of Florida and our nation, hard work and commitment to higher standards of Healthcare, selflessly giving time and talents in public service, leadership in the community**

**and the continued promotion and preservation of the highest standards of medical care as well as fostering the ethical principles of the medical profession ensuring high quality and cost effective medicine”. The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County proclaimed that in recognition of his outstanding and distinguished service to the medical profession, his patients and the citizens of Broward County it designated Saturday October 23, 2010 as “Aaron Elkin M.D. Appreciation Day”.**

**Aaron Elkin M.D.’s passion for Life, Medicine, and the care and rights of women and children was fostered by his parents Judy and Pinchas Elkin and is thankful everyday for his daughter Alexis Jayde.**