

PCMA STATEMENT

July 24, 2009, For Immediate Release. The Pinellas County Medical Association ("PCMA") is aware of the inflammatory email sent by Dr. David McKalip regarding President Obama and "Obama Care."

Dr. McKalip's act has been denounced by the Florida Medical Association. In response to the Florida Medical Association's request for an apology, Dr. McKalip issued a public apology.

Following our awareness of the communication, the PCMA immediately called an emergency special meeting of its Board of Governors and authorized the release of this statement.

The Pinellas County Medical Association regrets and is appalled by the statements and act of Dr. David McKalip. Dr. McKalip acted in poor taste and on his own accord when preparing and issuing his message, with neither the knowledge nor approval of the Pinellas County Medical Association or its Board of Governors. The Pinellas County Medical Association joins with the Florida Medical Association in denouncing and condemning Dr. McKalip's act and his offensive "Obama Care" statements. Dr. McKalip's act in no way reflects the opinions of the Pinellas County Medical Association or its Board of Governors. Dr. McKalip has submitted his resignation as President-Elect and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Pinellas County Medical Association, and his resignation has been accepted.