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Good Day, The Anesthesiology practice has faced a myriad of changes and challenges over my 12 years at Memorial Hospital West in Broward county. Throughout this time, I've continually tried to advance and advocate for the specialty on both a personal and organizational level. I started by implementing a district wide ERAS program in the Memorial Health System to demonstrate the value of Anesthesiology. Because of this program, I was selected as an "Emerging Leader" by my company. On this track, I've completed my Certified Physician Executive certificate from AAPL and I am currently enrolled at Umass completing an MBA. I've also obtained FASA designation from ASA and currently serve on the governmental affairs committee. Our system also started an Anesthesiology residency program where I work on the Program Evaluation Committee, the Clinical Competency Committee, and the Interview/Admission Committee; as well as working day to day with the residents. I am an unwavering believer in the value and safety of the Anesthesia care team model; I've watched AA's integrate into our practice and I strongly advocate for their continued success. Nursing scope creep is probably the longest standing and continually active challenge that we face (along with reimbursement and the lack of a competitive market place) and I defend the qualifications of the "Anesthesiologist" as clearly superior to others who deliver anesthesia care. The oligopoly of payers and monopolization of medicine is a newly emerging threat that must also be engaged. I would like to be further involved in FSA to advocate for the value and safety that Anesthesiologists deliver, to defend our position from scope creep, and to deliver to our residents a vibrant and respected specialty well into the future.