



VAHPAG NEWSLETTER

GALA 2019

MASQUERADE BALL AT THE FERNBANK MUSEUM Don't Miss This Opportunity!

Join us on September 7th, 2019 at the Fernbank Museum featuring singer Quoc Khanh, Hoang Thuc Linh and our very own Trung Cang Band / Flan Band along with many local talents. The yearly Gala is an opportunity for us to honor local community heroes who has contributed their career serving our community along with recipients of the health professional student scholarships.

We are planning an exciting evening for you in a Masquerade Ball theme so please come join us for an evening of friendship and fun while supporting our vision to build and sustain healthy communities. For sponsorship opportunities or auction item donations, please reach out to us at info@vahpag.org or visit the website www.vahpag.org/gala.

We look forward to seeing you at the GALA along with other exciting events planned for the year.



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FAMILY PICNIC

McDaniel Farm 3251 McDaniel Farm Park, Duluth, GA 30096

Join us on July 27th, 2019 from 12pm – 4pm for our first annual family picnic. The picnic is open to all VAHPAG members' friends and family.

This is an opportunity for everyone to meet in a pet and family friendly environment. We look forward to seeing you all there! Come prepared to sweat with various games and grilling!



NATIONAL Y NHA DƯỢC CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019



Hosted by VAMA USA and VAMA of Greater Houston, the Y Nha Dược Convention will feature Continuing Medical Education, Continuing Dental Education, and Continuing Pharmacy Education during this Friday-Sunday event. It includes sessions on Diabetes Mellitus Management, Atopic Dermatitis, Surgery, Endodontics, Business of Dentistry, Medication Safety, and much more.

Basic Agenda:

945 Gessner Rd Houston TX, 77024

- Friday:** CME 1-5PM,
Reunion Dinner @ Kim Son Bellaire 6:30PM
- Saturday:** CME 8-4PM
Gala 6PM
- Sunday:** 9-12PM Cultural Programs

Please visit <https://vamahouston.org/gala.html> for more information on this special convention! We hope to see you there!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

THE OPIOID CRISIS DR. STEVEN NGUYEN

VALID FOR FIRST 50 RSVP

AUGUST 8, 2019 @7PM

According to the CDC, of the 64,000 drug overdose deaths in 2016, 40% involved a prescription opioid. The opioid crisis is a growing concern in America, and the consequences are devastating. Patients who initially take opioids for therapy can become addicted to the drugs, leading to its misuse and abuse. In order to combat the crisis, we need to educate ourselves and learn about the ways that medical professionals can prevent opioid abuse in patients. It is crucial that healthcare providers are able to detect opioid misuse and screen patients for addiction. We look forward to seeing you at the professional development seminar! Please email info@vahpag.org to RSVP for the event.

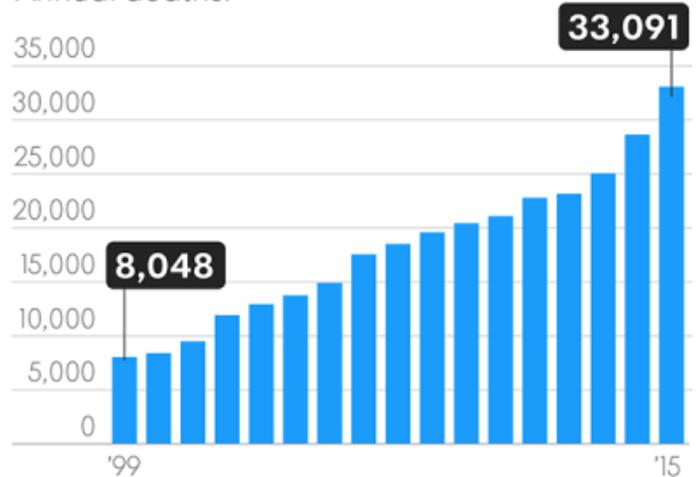
Frankie's Steakhouse

6500 Sugarloaf Pkwy
Lawrenceville GA 30097

MORE DEATHS FROM OPIOID ABUSE

American deaths from overdoses of opioid drugs increased 311% from 1999 to 2015.

Annual deaths:



SOURCE National Institute on Drug Abuse
George Petras, USA TODAY



Members are free, non-members are \$20**membership applications will be available at the event!

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

“FOSTERING FUTURE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS”

The Vietnamese American Healthcare Professionals Association of Georgia (VAHPAG) has established scholarships valued at \$1000 each for applicable Vietnamese American students of an accredited medical, dental, pharmacy and/or allied health school with the following objectives:

1. To provide financial support for students pursuing a healthcare track
2. To encourage involvement from students and professionals in the Vietnamese community in Georgia
3. To promote academic achievement
4. To encourage participation and leadership in the VAHPAG organization



If you are interested in applying for the scholarship or need more information, please visit the application [here!](#) Scholarship deadline has been extended to **July 31st, 2019** so encourage your students to apply.

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE EDUCATION SERIES

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE EDUCATION TO OUR COMMUNITY



On June 15th, Dr. An Do visited the Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church in Norcross and discussed common types of pain ranging from head to toe and the holistic management.



On July 13th, Lien Nguyen, PharmD discussed common types of cancer, its prevalence in our community and how we can screen for early detection to prevent complications at the Omega Senior Group in Jonesboro.

If you are interested in providing healthcare education to our community please reach out to us at info@vahpag.org. We have various community selected topics that varies from immunization recommendations to more specialized topics like pain management and oncology. Whether you are starting out or has done several seminars, we encourage you to come out and enjoy the comfort of our community.

VAHPAG MEMBERS' NEWS

NEW PHARMACY: ANCHOR PLUS

There's a new pharmacy in town! Anchor Plus Pharmacy specializes in both retail and specialty medication. They offer \$4 generic medications and free delivery anywhere in the state of Georgia! Anchor Plus Pharmacy is open Monday-Friday 9AM-6PM and closed Saturday and Sunday. Come visit them at 3800 Pleasant Hill Rd Suite-2, Duluth, GA 30096 or call anytime at 770-225-5077.



NEW SERVICE: PROCARE ULTRASOUND

There's also a new local ultrasound screening service! ProCare Ultrasound provides exams from Board Certified Sonographers with results within 24 hours of the exam. The sonographers apply and follow protocols guidelines from American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM). The exams are convenient, affordable and professional!

Grand Opening Specials: Free thyroid screening from May – July 2019 and 20% off all ultrasounds!

Visit <https://procareultrasound.com/> for more information!



ProCare Ultrasound

- Deep Vein Thrombosis
- Abdominal Aorta Aneurysm
- Stroke Disease
- Heart Disease
- Liver Disease
- Breast Lump
- Neck Mass
- Gallstones
- Pelvic Mass (Irregular bleeding)
- Prostate
- Pregnancy (dating, gender)

4500 Satellite Blvd, Ste 2400
Duluth, GA 30096
Monday-Friday 9-5pm
Saturday 9-1pm
www.procareultrasound.com
404-507-6797

MISSION UPDATES

Good Samaritan Medical Dental Mission



Recently VAHPAG has been very busy. Many of our very own members, **Drs. Phuong Le, Carson Huynh, and Dominique Duong and Dental Hygienist Kim Carroll** traveled across the Earth to the place that we all, once upon a time, considered our home country. Perhaps you were not born there but I'm sure that you would agree, your heritage and culture originated from Vietnam.

This year, they teamed up with Good Samaritan Medical Dental Mission and travelled to the remote city of Cao Bang on the border of China and Vietnam. 131 volunteers joined forces and performed multiple procedures and treatments. The dental team was successful in restoring dental health to hundreds of patients in dire need who do not have access to proper preventative healthcare.

Previous years, Dr. Phuong Le was only able to extract rotten teeth to alleviate pain and prevent potential life threatening systemic infections. However, with a generous

donation by our president, Dr./Mrs. Long and Hang Nguyen, she was able to purchase and bring a portable dental unit for this year's mission. By doing so, she fulfilled her goal of restoring teeth instead of simply extracting them. We are thankful for people like these 131 volunteers as well as everyone who contributed to make this mission possible. Imagine if everyone did a little bit of something like this, how much better the world would be.



Mercer on Mission – Prosthetic, Orthopedic, Pharmacy, Dental and Internal Medicine

On another note, VAHPAG members, **Drs. Thuc & Thuy Nguyen**, also traveled along with the Mercer on Mission team lead by Dr. Ha Vo, which comprise of liberal arts and engineering students from Mercer University and advance pharmacy practice students on their ambulatory rotation from Temple University School of Pharmacy to various provinces of the Southern regions of Vietnam to provide free: prosthetic fitting; orthopedic manipulations; dental exams, extractions and false dentures; internal medical evaluations especially hypertension and kidney health; and free medications.

This unique combination allowed the team to see a vast number of patients with different concerns. It also allowed the students with an opportunity to rotate through various stations and learn different skill sets as they advance through their professional careers. Not only does the students learn to fit prosthetics or prescribe the appropriate medications, they must also be creative in their communication with their patients due to language barrier. Drs. Thuc and Thuy Nguyen share their experience while traveling with the team, “it gives us an enormous satisfaction to be able to help those in need”.

