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Media Release

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Re: Inspections of Hernando County Pain Clinics

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On 01-29-13, the Vice and Narcotics Unit began inspections of all registered Pain Clinics in Hernando County, to ensure compliance with the Hernando County Pain Clinic Ordinance. The inspections concluded on 02-12-13. A total of 11 clinics were inspected, with eight clinics passing inspection and meeting all of the requirements outlined in the county ordinance.

The three clinics that failed inspection were as follows:

- **Cosmopolitan Clinic** – 13111 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill
- **Florida Medical Pain Management** – 5270 Applegate Dr., Spring Hill
- **Dr. Ahmed's General Practice Pain and Injury Clinic** – 12080 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville

The **Cosmopolitan Clinic** was found to be operating without a listed doctor and not placing a county license number on the prescriptions issued from the office. The doctor listed for Cosmopolitan Clinic was Dr. Varel, who recently passed away. The Cosmopolitan Clinic relinquished their county license and closed down. The report will be sent to Hernando County Code Enforcement for review. The clinic will not be able to re-open until they obtain a new doctor and apply for a new county license.

The doctor from **Florida Medical Pain Management**, Dr. Rivera, was not placing the county license number on prescriptions issued from the office. This clinic was given a warning and the report will be sent to Hernando County Code Enforcement for review.

Dr. Ahmed's General Practice Pain and Injury Clinic was found to be in violation of three sections of the county ordinance. Violations included not displaying the Pain Clinic Permit in the common area of the clinic, accepting CASH ONLY for all services rendered, and not placing the county license number on prescriptions issued from the office. Dr. Nasim Ahmed W/M DOB/04-16-1939 was given a Notice to Appear for the first two misdemeanor violations.

The third violation, not placing the county license number on prescriptions, will be reviewed along with the rest of the charges, by Hernando County Code Enforcement for possible revocation of the county license. A warning had previously been issued to Dr. Ahmed for not placing the county license number on prescriptions.

Complete List of Pain Clinics Inspected

Pain Clinic Name	Doctor	Address
The Gorrell Institute	Kelvin Gorrell	5119 Commercial Way
Pain Management & Spine Care	Eyad Alsabbagh	12148 Cortez Blvd.
Nature Coast Medical Care	Donald Pritchard	5437 Commercial Way
Brooksville Pain Management	Michael Courtney	5467 Commercial Way
Advanced Pain Management	Allam Reheem	12900 Cortez Blvd.
General Medicine Pain & Injury	Nasin Ahmed	12080 Cortez Blvd.
Cosmopolitan Pain Clinic	Dennis Varel	13111 Spring Hill Dr.
Florida Medical Pain Management	Jose Rivera	5270 Applegate Dr.
Hernando Pain Management	George Sidholm	5193 Mariner Blvd.
Keti Medical Ctr & Pain Mgt	Shyam Swain	7105 Mariner Blvd.
Institute Interventional Pain Mgt	Deborah Tracy	13119 Cortez Blvd