

Trina Espinola, M.D. one of the Board of Medicine's newest Board Members, was appointed on November 7, 2007. Dr. Espinola is a Board Certified Otolaryngologist, Head and Neck Surgeon and has practiced medicine for over twenty years. Her specialty is the medical and surgical treatment of diseases of the head and neck, and facial plastic and reconstructive surgery, for all ages. A portion of her practice is dedicated to the treatment of under-privileged children in her area through Children Medical Services, Tampa-St. Petersburg Craniofacial & Cleft Palate Team.

Dr. Espinola was born in Richmond, Virginia. She received her medical degree from the Tulane University of Louisiana in 1987. She did an internship in general surgery at Tulane University from 1987 until 1988 and again from 1988 until 1989. She completed a fellowship in Otolaryngology from 1989 until 1993, also at Tulane University. She is Board Certified in Otolaryngology.

Dr. Espinola is quite busy with committee memberships including the following:

- Member-Board of Trustees Member at Bayfront Medical Center, St. Petersburg, FL
- Chairman of Surgical Quality Committee, Bayfront Medical Center
- Chairman of Surgery at Bayfront Medical Center
- Oncology Committee Member at Bayfront Medical Center
- Medical Director, Bayfront Same Day Surgical Center, St. Petersburg, FL
- Medical Advisor, Laser Safety Committee at Bayfront Medical Center
- Vice President, Board of Directors with the South Pinellas Medical Trust, Inc., a privately held self funded/self insured malpractice carrier.
- Member-BCBS Quality Management Committee, Tampa, FL
- Member - Physician Advisory Group at Bayfront Medical Center
- Otolaryngology Consultant for the Cleft and Craniofacial Center

Dr. Espinola has-written or co-written many publications, but she is most proud of her contributions to the development of image guided technologies and minimally invasive surgical techniques.

She is affiliated with the following organizations:

- American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgeons
- American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association
- American College of Surgeons
- American Medical Association
- American Medical Women's Association
- Divers Alert Network
- Florida Medical Association
- Pinellas County Medical Association
- Southern Medical Association

Dr. Espinola says she was encouraged to become a doctor by her parents and mentors.

Dr. Espinola says the reason he became a board member was because she wanted to do her part to insure the sanctity and nobleness of the medical profession.

Dr. Espinola says she envisions the future of medicine in Florida as a state which will continue to deliver state of the art medical care to insure the health and well being of all Floridians.