WHAT IS THE FAFP?

The Florida Academy of Family Physicians (FAFP) is composed of more than 5,400 family medicine physicians, resident physicians, and medical students from across the state. The FAFP works to advance the specialty of family medicine by promoting excellence and improvement in the healthcare of all Floridians. Our priority is to help our members to become the best family physicians they can be through effective communication, legislation/regulation, education, advocacy, research and motivation.

The FAFP is the Florida chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents more than 129,000+ members nationwide. Through its association with the AAFP, the Florida Academy strives to achieve the following goals:

- To promote and maintain high quality standards for Florida’s family physicians
- To provide advocacy, representation, continuing education, and leadership opportunities for Florida’s family physicians
- To promote respect, skill and teamwork in family medicine
- To preserve and promote quality, cost-effective healthcare for all Floridians through responsible advocacy and education

The FAFP also acts as the active voice for family medicine, advocating key issues among patients, the medical community, legislators and regulators, third-party payers, and the general public. The FAFP continually works to communicate, recognize and celebrate the issues of family medicine, while helping all Floridians to understand that having a family physician is vital to their health. Additionally, we strive to promote interest in family medicine as a career by working with Florida’s medical schools to provide quality residency and medical training programs in family medicine. Today’s initiatives of the FAFP will ensure the future of family medicine in Florida.

MISSION

Supporting Florida’s family physicians.

VISION

Family Physicians Improving Florida’s Health.

VALUES

- Caring for Floridians;
- Leading the health care team;
- Advancing family medicine.

To access the 2017-2020 FAFP Strategic Plan, please visit: http://www.-fafpstrategicplan.com/.
FAFP MEMBERSHIP

We will help you to empower your patients by providing them with information on prevention programs, offer you opportunities for peer support at our annual National Conference, provide a chance for you to help people at home and overseas through community service, and deliver professional support and continuing education opportunities. The benefits of your FAFP membership are invaluable and will help you become the best family physician you can be. To view FAFP’s Member Value Statement, please visit: http://www.fafp.org/membership.

Benefits

Becoming a member of the FAFP signifies your decision to identify and associate with the most knowledgeable family physicians and America’s largest specialty society. We provide our members with numerous opportunities to learn and identify with others in their field, sharing experiences, opinions, and knowledge that will ultimately improve their practice and the care their patients receive. Not only will you have increased opportunities to learn and network with other physicians from across the state, you will also have access to numerous online resources and tools that will prepare you for the future of family medicine.

Benefits Include:
Continuing Medical Education
• CME Reporting—FAFP plans, tracks, and reports your CME to maximize your lifelong learning and to fulfill your requirements for state licensure. CME taken through AAFP and FAFP are reported directly to CE Broker for your licensure renewal.
• CME Meetings, throughout the state, and online Webinars
Practice Enhancement
• Dedicated staff available to answer questions on coding & billing, payment/reimbursement, practice management, privileging, managed care, and more.
• PCMH—practice redesign to improve the quality and cost efficiency of care and tools to evaluate your practice organization, using health information technology and quality measures
Partnerships and Services
• FAFP Member Partnership and Services discounts (personal, practice, and finance products and services)
• Local connection through chapter membership
Advocacy
• FAFP advocates for family physicians and their patients to legislators, health insurance companies, medical specialty societies, & employers
• Opportunity to get involved in advocacy at the state and national levels
• Receive up-to-date information and calls-to-action on issues that affect you and your patients. Stay informed about federal and state advocacy, including grassroots training
Communications
• Florida Family Physician journal
• FAFP.org—physician education and easy-to-read instructive health care materials
• eBYTES, Capitol News, social media
FAFP Membership Directory
As an FAFP member, you can access the member directory with contact information for current FAFP members. Visit: http://www.fafp.org/fafp-member-finder for details. Need to make an update to your information? Email Jennifer Young, FAFP Membership Director at jyoung@fafp.org or (904) 726-0944.

Get Involved in your Academy!
Get involved today! Are you interested in joining the FAFP Board, an FAFP Committee, AAFP Congress of Delegates, AAFP National Conference of Special Constituencies (NCSC) or FMA House of Delegates on behalf of FAFP? Visit: http://www.fafp.org/membership-engagement to read committee charges.
CME & EDUCATION

A family physician’s effectiveness is dependent upon evidence based, up-to-date continuing medical education (CME). That is why the AAFP/FAFP requires all members to complete a minimum of 150 hours of approved continuing education with 12 of the CME hours being from a live FAFP meeting. FAFP meetings can be located by visiting: http://www.fafp.org/education-and-events. CME hours obtained at an FAFP meeting, not only go towards the FL Chapter requirement (of 12 CME hours), but also the Live AAFP requirement (of 25 CME hours) and Prescribed AAFP hours (of 75 CME hours). The 150 CME requirement is for every three years.

FAFP CME Meetings

A high-quality CME program is one of the most important priorities of the FAFP. All FAFP members have access to meetings, courses, conferences, publications, and resources that provide you with the latest research and clinical training. For information on upcoming FAFP meetings, please visit: http://www.fafp.org/education-and-events.

Experience the FAFP

If you have graduated Residency within the last 2 years, FAFP will provide your 1st FAFP meeting, as a new Active Physician Member, free of charge. Experience all of the benefits and take advantage of this special offer before it expires. Contact us today!

FREE CME Webinars

The FAFP now offers CME online! Visit: http://www.fafp.org/webinars to sign up for your FREE account and earn CME credits at no cost to you.

FAFP Abstract and Poster Presentations

A Call for Abstracts is issued each year, in late Fall, for presentations at the Family Medicine Spring Forums. The research must be of interest and educational value to the specialty of family medicine and conducted by (1) a Florida family medicine resident (2) a Florida medical student or (3) an active FAFP physician member. The objective is to stimulate interest in family medicine research and to provide an opportunity for the program participants to become acquainted with your specific study quickly and easily. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top posters in each category, as well as podium presenters, during the FAFP Family Medicine Spring Forum. For more information, please visit: http://www.fafp.org/poster-presentations.
FAFP COMMUNICATIONS

A critical focus of the FAFP is to help our members treat their patients more effectively. With the complexities of today’s health care system, we want to provide you with the most up-to-date family medicine information to prepare you to make the best decisions and choices for your patients and practices. Here you will find the news that matters most to family physicians, along with updates on what the FAFP is doing for you.

FAFP Website
FAFP website (www.fafp.org) is updated daily to keep members informed on FAFP and FAFP Foundation activities and areas of interest. Members will find contact and informational items, Capitol updates, latest Medicare/Medicaid news, publications, hot topics, and other pertinent data and links.

FAFP Blog
You’ve got questions, we’ve got answers! Check out our Blog at http://www.fafp.org/blog for weekly Practice Enhancement Q&A.

FAFP eBYTES
eBYTES is a weekly newsletter that highlights the latest information affecting family medicine in Florida. Access past issues by visiting: http://www.fafp.org/news. This link provides our family physicians a quick view of what you need to know.

FAFP Capitol News
Stay up to date on emerging issues and learn about the FAFP’s actions to advance the practice of family medicine and act on behalf of family physicians in Florida. Visit: http://www.fafp.org/advocacy.

FAFP Florida Family Physician
FAFP has a number of reference documents on a wide variety of topics available. Please visit: http://www.fafp.org/journal to find your area of interest. Feel free to suggest topics by contacting Deborah Walker, Managing Editor, at dwalker@fafp.org.

FAFP Resources
FAFP leaders and staff work year-round to advance family physicians’ interests in all aspects of health care -- from enhancing how physicians are reimbursed to improving how care is delivered, and from helping engage with patients to placing the latest tools and information right at their fingertips. Take a look at some of the resources the FAFP has produced that members can use in their practice by visiting: http://www.fafp.org/resources.

FAFP Social Media
New cyber communication and social media content is being developed to keep members connected with the Academy and with each other. Visit FAFP’s Social Media outlets for more information.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FLFamilyDocs
Twitter: https://twitter.com/FLFamilyDocs
Linkedin: https://goo.gl/MPV3eG
Google: https://goo.gl/iQE56N
ADVOCACY

In recent surveys FAFP members overwhelmingly expressed that the most important role the FAFP and AAFP play is serving as their advocate before public policymakers, legislators, the media, allies and patient organizations. FAFP leaders and staff work diligently to promote the positive and essential role of family physicians in local communities and in Florida’s healthcare delivery system. Every family physician benefits from the Academy’s voice on the issues that matter most to family medicine. Every Floridian needs to know that having a family physician is vital to his or her health!

Florida Family Medicine Political Action Committee (FFM-PAC)

What is the FFM-PAC?
The Florida Family Medicine Political Action Committee (FFM-PAC) was reorganized in 2014 to elect candidates to state office who will share the FAFP’s vision of “Improving Florida’s Health through Family Medicine.” The FFM-PAC solicits voluntary contributions from family physicians and others who support Florida’s family physicians to research, select and support the election of candidates who will legislatively advocate for the medical profession. The FFM-PAC’s goal is to raise a minimum of $50,000 annually for the next five years.

Which candidates does FFM-PAC support?
The FFM-PAC is bi-partisan, supporting candidates of all parties that are pro-medicine. It works closely with the Florida Medical Association and other medical societies throughout Florida to identify pro-medicine candidates as they seek elected office.

Who can be a member of the FFM-PAC?
Membership of the FFM-PAC is comprised of physicians, their spouses, medical students, residents, and physician assistants. Group practices and other organizations that support family physicians are eligible to join.

Who serves on the FFM-PAC Board?
The FFM-PAC Board & Executive Committee is comprised of FAFP physician leaders from around the state. Up to two non-physicians are eligible to serve on the board, which could include medical student members, PAs and spouses. The annual meeting is held at the FAFP Summer meeting.

Doctor of the Day Program

The Florida Academy of Family Physicians (FAFP) is looking for physicians to participate in the Doctor of the Day program during the 60 day legislative session in Tallahassee annually. The legislature needs two physicians for each day of the legislative session, one for the House of Representatives and one for the Senate. If you are interested in serving as a Doctor of the Day, please contact Jay Millson at jmillson@fafp.org.

DONATE NOW

FAMILY MEDICINE IN ACTION
PRACTICE ENHANCEMENT

FAFP provides you with a wealth of resources designed especially for the family physician. Members can find information on how to recruit a new partner, reduce the risk of malpractice litigation, review a contract, or install and update your computer operations. A vast array of services are available and will ultimately improve practice efficiencies and patient care.

Benefits of Practice Enhancement through FAFP include:

• FAFP PCMH Incentive Program
• Coding and Billing
• MACRA Resources
• Chronic Care Management Resources
• Weekly Member Q&A

Patient-Centered Medical Home Incentive Program

The Florida Academy of Family Physicians (FAFP) Board continues to recognize the need to support FAFP members who are prepared to become recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) or Joint Commission as a Patient-Center Medical Home (PCMH). Such recognition is becoming increasingly important due to the implementation of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and associated Merit-Based Payment Systems (MIPs) and Alternative Payment Models (APMs) that reimburse PCMH practices with enhanced payments.

STUDENTS & RESIDENTS

Practicing family medicine can be overwhelming without support from like-minded peers, especially in the first few years after residency. Check out the following video: https://goo.gl/w6RQao with your fellow residents and see how the value of membership in the AAFP and FAFP—the only professional society dedicated to family medicine, is beneficial to you. For more information regarding the activities below, visit: http://www.fafp.org/students--residents or contact Jennifer Young at jyoung@fafp.org.

Student & Resident Education

Student and Resident education is important in shaping the future of Family Medicine. With this, the FAFP Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee and the Residency Directors Council (RDC) offer Residents and Students, attending FAFP meetings, special educational sessions geared specifically for you! Visit: http://www.fafp.org/education-and-events and click on your desired meeting for additional details on programming.

Student & Resident Leadership Opportunities

The Florida Academy of Family Physicians highly values the contributions made by family medicine residents and medical students and recognizes the importance of training future leaders of medicine. It is one of the few specialty organizations to actively enlist resident and student members in leadership roles.

Students and Residents have the opportunity to:

• Network with family physicians from across the state.
• Attend national meetings funded by the FAFP, such as the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students and FAFP meetings.
• Participate in the discussion of issues key to health care delivery and to family medicine.
• Learn more about topics of special interest.
• Cultivate organizational and communication skills.
• Spend time with other resident and student leaders who share common interests and concerns.
• Run for FAFP Student and Resident Director Positions on the FAFP Board of Directors.

Florida Residency Programs

If you are looking for the skills and resources to help you excel in the field of family medicine, the FAFP and Florida’s Family Medicine Residency Programs will provide you with the growth, experience, and opportunities to begin your career as a family physician. Florida is the premier destination for family medicine. The sunshine state is home to world-class residency programs in Miami, Tampa, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, St. Petersburg, Gainesville, Clearwater, Daytona, Fort Myers, and Orlando. Not only are Florida’s Family Medicine Residency Programs some of the best in the country, but Florida provides the optimal environment in which to live and work. As the home of nationally renowned sports teams, theme parks, beaches and weather, completing your residency in Florida is a true prescription for paradise. Additionally, by being an FAFP member, you will not only have increased opportunities to learn and network with physicians from across the state, you will also have access to numerous online resources and tools that will prepare you for a future in family medicine. If you are a student, interested in doing your residency in Florida, or are currently a resident in Florida, becoming a member of the FAFP will open doors to your future in family medicine.

FAFP Residency Fair

Each Spring, the FAFP conducts the Annual Residency Program Fair. During this event, you will have the opportunity to meet with FAFP’s 13 affiliated Florida Residency Programs, all in one place! Join us to not only meet with these prestigious programs, but also to enjoy an FAFP sponsored raffle, games, food and much more during the FAFP Student and Resident Party! This is an event that you don’t want to miss!
STUDENTS & RESIDENTS

Are You Paying it Forward?
The FAFP Foundation recently started the Paying it Forward program to help Florida Family Medical Residency programs send more residents to FAFP meetings in hopes of making a lasting connection. Whether you graduated from a Florida program or not, all FAFP members are highly encouraged to donate to the Paying it Forward campaign in the spirit of keeping our residents here in the Sunshine State. Best part? It’s a tax-deductible donation. More information can be located by visiting: http://www.fafp.org/students--residents.

Virtual Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG)
Find the information, ideas, and inspiration needed to lead Family Medicine Interest Group activities on your campus. Discover best practices established by effective FMIGs, including: how to get organized, showcasing family medicine, funding, community service programming, leadership recruitment, member retention, and more. Visit: http://www.aafp.org/-medical-school-residency.html for more details.

FAFP FMIG Funding
A very common question from student leaders is “How will we pay for all the programs we have planned?” Funds may be needed for the food being ordered for a lunch or dinner meeting, but may also be needed for other costs, such as advertising, audiovisual support, or service costs if the event is held off campus. Multiple funding opportunities exist through the AAFP and FAFP, your medical school, and regional groups and programs. Contact Jennifer Young at jyoung@fafp.org for details.

FAFP Student Funding
The FAFP provides funding to students associated with an FAFP FMIG affiliated college to attend FAFP meetings and AAFP National Conference. You may contact your COM’s FMIG Leaders or FAFP for details.

AAFP National Conference of Students and Residents
We continue to hear that there is a lot of interest in Family Medicine and in the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Students in Kansas City. FAFP wants to financially support as many medical students from Florida as possible to attend; however, with today’s economy we must be resourceful and prudent in spending. With this, the FAFP provides each program, with an FAFP FMIG Leader, a meeting stipend to be utilized in arranging airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, meeting registrations, and food and beverage. This stipend is used for each Medical Program’s FAFP FMIG Leader and interested medical students that would like to attend National Conference. Please contact your FMIG leader or FAFP for details.
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Florida Academy of Family Physicians solicits nominations for the following awards. All awards are presented at the FAFP Family Medicine Winter Summit in December. Please note that if an FAFP member is an award recipient of any award in which the AAFP offers the same award, the FAFP award recipient’s application will be forwarded to the AAFP for nomination to the national association award. Please visit: http://www.fafp.org/awards for additional information on FAFP’s award program.

Family Physician of the Year
In recognition of outstanding performance as a Family Physician in dedication to the profession and service to the patient. Nominees for Family Physician of the Year should:

• Embody the finest characteristics of family medicine;
• Provide his/her patients with compassionate, comprehensive and caring family medicine on a continuing basis;
• Provide a credible role model professionally and personally to his/her community, to other health professionals, and residents and medical students;
• Be directly and effectively involved in public service and/or activities that enhance the quality of life in communities;
• Can effectively represent the specialty of Family Medicine and the FAFP in public speaking;
• Have at least five years of practice experience; and
• Be a member in good standing within the community and of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the Florida Academy of Family Physicians (FAFP).

FAFP Family Physician Executive Award
This award was created to recognize an outstanding family physician for his or her role as a physician executive. This award is reserved for Florida Academy members whose executive skills in health care organizations have contributed to excellence in the provision of high quality health care, and demonstrated that family physicians can have an impact on improving the overall health of the nation. This award is to recognize exceptional leadership by a full-time family physician executive and will not necessarily be presented each year.

Art of Medicine
In recognition of belief proven by personal example, that the patient receives the full benefit of total care only when the science of medicine is practiced as an art.

Exemplary Full-Time Educator
In recognition of dedication, expertise and ability to provide the highest quality instruction to physicians in all phases of their medical training and practice in a full-time capacity.

Exemplary Part-Time Educator
In recognition of dedication, expertise and ability to provide the highest quality instruction to physicians in all phases of their medical training and practice in a part-time capacity.

Exemplary Volunteer Educator
In recognition of dedication, expertise and ability to provide the highest quality instruction to physicians in all phases of their medical training and practice in a volunteer capacity.

Young Leader Award
In recognition of outstanding service to the Florida Academy of Family Physicians and the specialty of Family Medicine by a young physician.

Exceptional Resident Scholar Award
Since 2006, the FAFP Foundation has presented annual scholarships to outstanding third-year family medicine residents in Florida. The program is merit based, and scholars are chosen by an FAFP Foundation selection committee. The winner(s) will be awarded $1,000 each at the Family Medicine Winter Summit. The FAFP provides one complimentary hotel night and awards are presented at the Inauguration and Recognition Celebration Saturday evening.
FAFP UPCOMING CME MEETINGS

FAFP Board Review Course
   February 21-24, 2018
   Loews Royal Pacific Resort - Orlando, FL

FAFP Family Medicine Spring Forum
   May 4-6, 2018
   Loews Sapphire Falls - Orlando, FL

FAFP Family Medicine Summer Forum
   August 3-5, 2018
   The Breakers - Palm Beach, FL

FAFP Family Medicine Winter Summit
   December 7-9, 2018
   Ritz Carlton - Amelia Island, FL

FAFP Family Medicine Spring Forum
   May 3-5, 2019
   Loews Sapphire Falls - Orlando, FL

FAFP Family Medicine Summer Forum
   August 9-11, 2019
   The Breakers - Palm Beach, FL

FAFP Family Medicine Winter Summit
   December 6-8, 2019
   Ritz Carlton - Amelia Island, FL