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**Solon Family Physician Receives Degree of Fellow**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Donald Ford, M.D., achieved the degree of fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

The degree was conferred to approximately 278 family physicians during convocation on Oct. 6 in conjunction with AAFP's annual Scientific Assembly in Chicago.

Established in 1971, the AAFP degree of fellow recognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves through service to family medicine and ongoing professional development. This year's fellowship class brings the total number of AAFP fellows to more than 29,000 nationwide. AAFP fellowship entitles the physician to use the honorary designation, "Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians," or "F.A.A.F.P."

Criteria for receiving the AAFP degree of fellow consist of having a minimum of six years membership in the organization, extensive continuing medical education, participated in public service programs outside of medical practice, conducted original research and served as a teacher in family medicine.

Ford is a member of the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians and practices in Solon, Ohio (44139).

*AAFP is the national medical association representing more than 94,000 family physicians, residents and medical students. AAFP was the first national medical specialty organization to require its members to complete a minimum of 150 credits of continuing medical education every three years.*

*The Ohio Academy of Family Physicians is a statewide, professional association with more than 4,400 members, including practicing physicians, family medicine residents and medical students. The scope of family medicine encompasses all ages, both sexes and every disease entity. Family physicians provide comprehensive, continuing care to all members of the family. For more information, visit [www.ohioafp.org](http://www.ohioafp.org).*