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Ohio Physician Receives National Honor from AAFP

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Randall Longenecker, M.D., a family physician from West Liberty, Ohio, was awarded the 2009 Exemplary Teaching Award by American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) at its Congress of Delegates meeting in Boston on Oct. 14.

AAFP Exemplary Teaching Awards recognize AAFP members who have excellent teaching skills and who have implemented outstanding programs or developed innovative teaching models. The awards were given in two categories: full-time and volunteer. Longenecker received the Exemplary Teaching Award in the category of full-time faculty member.

Longenecker was nominated for this AAFP award by Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP), one of the largest, most active state chapters of AAFP. He received the OAFP Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award in 2008.

Longenecker currently serves as program director for The Ohio State University (OSU) Rural Program at Mad River Family Practice, West Liberty, where he has practiced family medicine for more than 27 years. He is clinical professor of family medicine and assistant dean for rural medical education at OSU College of Medicine, Columbus.

In addition to family medicine education on the local level, Longenecker has contributed to rural healthcare education at the national level. Longenecker took part in the primary design and implementation of an organizational structure for the Rural Medical Educators, a special interest group of the National Rural Health Association and in the initiation of its student caucus in 2007. He continues as a member of the group's Executive Committee and as membership chair. He is also chair of the Group on Rural Health of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and Ohio rural health chapter liaison to AAFP.

Longenecker earned his M.D. from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1979. His undergraduate degree in Biology is from Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va.

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.