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### **State Academy Recognizes Toledo Physician as Family Medicine Educator of the Year**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) has announced that Sanford R. Kimmel, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., of Toledo, Ohio, will receive its 2010 Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award.

Kimmel has been practicing family medicine for 30 years and has been a professor of family medicine since 2001 at University of Toledo (UT) College of Medicine, Toledo, Ohio, where he serves as vice chair of the Department of Family Medicine. He recently completed his term as chief of staff for UT Medical Center and is the new medical director for the UT Main Campus Medical Center.

Board certified in both family medicine and pediatrics, Kimmel is a distinguished national expert and researcher, particularly on the topic of immunizations.

“Kimmel was one of the founding members of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) group on immunization education that is dedicated to providing immunization education about immunizations to medical and other health science students in addition to family medicine residents, faculty and practicing physicians. This small, but dedicated group has been extremely active, producing a number of publications and presentations, but is best noted for their Shots PDA software. The Shots PDA software is recognized by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an authoritative source of immunization information,” said Stacy Brungardt, C.A.E., STFM executive director.

Kimmel has an extensive list of research activities, editorial board service, presentations and publications at the local, state and national levels. In particular, he authors a chapter on growth and development for Raketel’s *Textbook of Family Medicine* and has been published in 40-plus, peer-reviewed journals. It is these activities that make him very well respected by his colleagues, and gives him such a strong national reputation.

“Having seen many curriculum vitae from national family physician educators applying for American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) positions or recognition, I am very proud of Sandy. Nationally, he achieves high ratings in AAFP-related presentations and serves as a resource to several national groups involved in policy around the health care of children. He has reached the top level of family medicine authors and teachers, and he has done it in his own humble, unassuming way” said Ken Bertka, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., Toledo-based family physician serving as a director on the AAFP board of directors.

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“His added training in pediatrics has been a strength for our educational programs from the outset. He went on to develop a national reputation in the content area of immunizations and is currently a sought after speaker and expert on the topic,” said Linda French, M.D., professor and chair of UT Department of Family Medicine.

Kimmel’s reputation as an outstanding family medicine educator is evident to the family medicine residents and medical students he teaches. These individuals witness first hand the characteristics that make him an inspiring physician, beyond his expertise in research.

“He taught me that it is necessary to treat others with kindness and patience by always treating me with respect no matter how many questions I asked. Kimmel taught me that medicine is more than understanding the pathophysiology behind the diseases process and its treatment, but also requires compassion and dedication through his every day interactions with patients and staff,” said Lauren Ruggerio, a third-year medical student at UT College of Medicine.

“To me, perhaps nothing describes my admiration for Kimmel better than Isaac Newton’s words to Robert Hooke, ‘if I have seen further, it is because I have stood on the shoulders of giants,’” she continued.

Kimmel graduated with his M.D. from The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, and complete his family medicine residency program at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio. He also completed his pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital, Columbus, and a faculty development fellowship in family practice at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.

Kimmel and his wife, Sharon, reside in Toledo (43606) and have two grown children, Isaac and Katherine.

OAFP annually presents this award to a family medicine educator that meets and exceeds the criteria of being a capable teacher of family medicine, successful administrator/practitioner, productive researcher/scholar and inspiring leader. Candidates must also have 10 years post-residency (or equivalent) experience, be actively caring for patients and be a member of OAFP.

Kimmel will receive the Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award at the 2010 OAFP Awards Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, from 6:30-10 p.m. at Embassy Suites Dublin in Dublin, Ohio. Registration to attend the dinner is \$40 per person; there is no charge for OAFP members. Reservations can be made at [www.ohioafp.org](http://www.ohioafp.org) or by calling OAFP at (800) 742-7327.

Also during the awards ceremony, Roger J. Kauffman, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., of Bellefontaine, Ohio, will be presented with the OAFP Family Physician of the Year Award and Lauren Burns, D.O., of Akron, Ohio, will receive the OAFP Resident Leadership Award.

*The Ohio Academy of Family Physicians is a statewide, professional association with more than 4,200 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).*

### **Editor’s Note**

To receive a copy of Kimmel’s photograph or to schedule an interview, please send an e-mail to Megan Smith at [msmith@ohioafp.org](mailto:msmith@ohioafp.org) or call (800) 742-7327. Photographers and videographers from the media are welcome to attend the Awards Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 7.