Family Medicine, OH-10!

In 2023, the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) proudly reached its 75th anniversary, hallmarked by outstanding quality membership education, devoted advocacy, and noteworthy family medicine advancement. Our professional forerunners founded the specialty society during an era when Penicillin was unveiled and Slinky toys were just hitting the shelves. Now, physicians contend with ChatGPT and have harnessed telehealth technology in effort to reach their most vulnerable patients. Can you imagine what these early family medicine trailblazers would think of our dynamic membership and our robust organization now? I believe they would be beaming with pride and amazement.

Reflecting upon our diamond jubilee year, a milestone made even more brilliant by its powerful history, the OAFP wouldn’t be in the distinct position it is today without its remarkable family physician, resident, and medical student members who dedicate their lives to the betterment of patient care in Ohio. Our members are the living embodiment of innovation and tradition who help to advance the OAFP’s strategic priorities.

Over the past year, the Academy started the exciting process of implementing our new four-year strategic plan with the renewed mission to improve the health of patients by advocating for and advancing the specialty of family medicine by providing valuable solutions to the diverse needs of members. In this report, you will begin to see how our vision to provide tangible resources to help you thrive and realize professional excellence and personal satisfaction has started to take shape.

The evolution of member services has profoundly changed since the OAFP’s founding in 1948, but one thing stands firm - Ohio’s family physicians remain passionate and dedicated to their patients and to their craft. Without your individual support and devotion to your Academy, our work would not be possible. Thank you and cheers to 75 years!

Doug Harley, DO, FAAFP
President (8/22-8/23)
MEMBERSHIP

The OAFP supports seven regional chapters with a total membership of 4,898 and is considered a mega-sized chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

Regardless of member type, the OAFP offers programming, services, and benefits to suit any member at any career stage. Membership includes:

- Free or reduced rate continuing medical education (CME)
- Free performance improvement programming to maintain American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) certification
- Subscriptions to print and digital quarterly magazines and weekly e-newsletters
- Representation at the Ohio Statehouse by our contract lobbyist
- Access to resources to thrive in practice, residency, or medical school
- Opportunities to connect with peers in your state and community
- Much, much more!

ADVOCACY

Over the past year, the OAFP has sought to amplify the voices of its members through increased engagement on state policy in the halls of the Ohio Statehouse by demonstrating the value of family medicine as the cornerstone of a high-quality healthcare infrastructure. With dedicated and committed members, we were able to make incredible strides towards reaching our legislative and regulatory advocacy goals.

The OAFP achieved the following:

- Created a legislative Bill Tracker to keep members informed on state-level action taking place on behalf of their patients and practices
- Took action on over a dozen bills while considering and thoughtfully debating nearly three times that number
- Hosted a primary care educational breakfast with Ohio legislators and peer medical organizations
- Sponsored physician testimony on critical health equity issues
- Voiced family medicine’s unique issues with elected officials at the state and federal levels.
We've Got You Covered.
The OAFP deploys a myriad of tactics to keep Ohio's family physicians up-to-date on trending medical news and trained on the latest clinical and professional developments. P

53 issues of the Weekly Family Medicine Update, e-newsletter
38 member-authored articles in The Ohio Family Physician magazines (four issues - print and digital)
OAFP's growing social media presence: Instagram: 613 followers Facebook: 1,246 followers Twitter: 2,130 followers
OAFP's robust website: Nearly 19,000 page views and almost 7,000 users per month www.ohioafp.org

Whether you prefer to learn virtually, in a group of your peers, or with your hands, the OAFP offered over 77 hours of cutting-edge training in just one year.

CME highlights include: CME roadshows in Canton and Findlay, OH, a three-part virtual CME series in May; virtual and in-person Knowledge Self Assessments on Care of Women and Health Counseling & Preventive Care; HPV Quality Improvement (QI) Program; and a state-wide collaboration on the Heart Healthy Ohio QI Program, just to name a few.

The 2023 Family Medicine Workshop celebrated its 60th anniversary and it's only getting started!

Check out the calendar of events for the coming year. We welcome you to take advantage of all the member education at your fingertips.
Easy Performance Improvement (EasyPI) is a peer-reviewed, curated collection of online educational resources, designed to support family physicians in completing a self-guided PI project in practice, while receiving the ABFM credit for the work they already do.

Whether you're a resident or a seasoned physician, EasyPI is a one-stop-shop for your practice improvement needs. The OAFP currently offers six clinical tracks to choose from. It’s that easy!

The OAFP is proud to support the candidacy of Sarah Sams, MD, FAAFP, for Director of the 2023 AAFP Board of Directors. Dr. Sams’ campaign includes a custom website and logo (featured above). Elections will be held in Chicago during the 2023 Congress of Delegates, on Friday, October 27.

AAFP Board Directors serve their Academy for three years. Best of luck Dr. Sams, we are all behind you!

It’s an OAFP staff tradition to provide community support to volunteer organizations that uplift Ohioans that are most in need. (Salvation Army’s Holiday Cheer and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective.)
One of the OAFP’s signature initiatives is to cultivate physician leadership so they are prepared to lead at the national level. Members at all career stages are eligible to apply for scholarships to attend as chapter delegates to the following AAFP conferences:

- Annual Chapter Leadership Forum
- Congress of Delegates
- Family Medicine Advocacy Summit
- National Conference of Constituency Leaders

**Did you know…..**

The first president of the American Academy of General Practice (AAGP), the precursor to the AAFP, was from Ohio? Yes, Paul A. Davis, MD, of Akron, OH, served as AAFP president from 1947-50.

It’s true that the OAFP’s legacy of leadership started over 75 years ago, but the commitment to advance the specialty of family medicine continues today. We are grateful to have so many diverse and dedicated voices carrying the torch for patients and physicians on the state and national level.

**Thank You Leaders!**

- Matthew Adkins, DO – NCCL Co-Convener of the LGBTQ Delegation; Constituency Delegate to AAFP Congress of Delegates; New Physician Director, AAFP Board of Directors
- Justin Anderson, MD – AAFP Commission on Education
- Ahmad Asary – Ohio Alt. Delegate, 2022 National Congress of Student Members
- Brooke Babyak, MD – NCCL LGBTQ Representative
- Elizabeth Becker, MD – AAFP Health Equity Fellow
- Derrick Cameron, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAFP – NCCL Minority Physician Representative
- John Das, MD – Ohio Resident Alt. Delegate, 2023 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents
- Matthew Darabashy, MD, FAAFP – AAFP Commission on Continuing Professional Development
- Katherine Davis, MD, FAAFP – AAFP’s 2023 Emerging Leader to ACLF
- James Dom Dera, MD, FAAFP – Medical Editor, AAFP’s FPM Journal
- Emily Dhillon – AAFP Foundation Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute Scholar and Student Delegate, 2023 AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Megan Early, DO, MPH – NCCL Women Physician Representative
- Rachel Edel, MD, MPH, FAAFP – Chair, ACGME Family Medicine Review Committee
- Hedyeh Eshani – AAFP Foundation Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute Scholar
- Hannah Emery, PhD, MPH, FAAFP – 2023 Emerging Leader to the Family Medicine Advocacy Summit
- Brittany Hugue, MSc – Participant, AAFP Internship to Advance Health Equity Work
- Ellen Hutchinson – Ohio Student Delegate, 2023 National Congress of Student Members
- Tristan Johnson, MD, MPH, FAAFP – AAFP Commission on Diversity, Equity & Inclusiveness in Family Medicine
- Ryan Kaufman, MD, FAAFP – Editor, The Ohio Family Physician
- Patrick Keeler, MPH – AAFP Commission on Diversity, Equity & Inclusiveness in Family Medicine
- Peri W. Kibera, DO, PhD – 2023 AAFP Award Recipient for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education
- Nidha Khan, MPH – AAFP Commission on Diversity, Equity & Inclusiveness in Family Medicine
- Peri W. Kibera, DO, PhD – 2023 AAFP Award Recipient for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education
- Ryan Leedy, MD, FAAFP – ABFM Senior Vice President for Diplomate Experience
- Juliet Marchion, DO, FAAFP – AAFP Commission on Quality and Practice and AAFP Osteopathic Physician Project Advisory Group
- Renee Markovich, MD, FAAFP – Treasurer, AAFP Foundation
- Roger Mass, MD – NCCL IMG Representative
- Elizabeth Richter, MD, FAAFP – Ohio Delegate, AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Sarah Sams, MD, FAAFP – Ohio Delegate, AAFP Congress of Delegates and Chair, AAFP Commission on Finance & Insurance
- Mike Scherer, MD, FAAFP – Ohio Alt. Delegate, AAFP Congress of Delegates
- Karen Shuter, MD, JD – NCCL New Physician Representative
- Ashwarya (Sunny) Sharma, DO – 2022 AAFP Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education
- Robert Siegel, MD, MS, FAAFP – NCCL Co-Convener of the IMG Delegation and Constituency Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates; OAFP’s 2023 Emerging Leader to the Family Medicine Advocacy Summit
- John Thompson, MD – Leadership Project Award and Best Leadership Project Award – Personal & Practice Leadership Track, Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute, 2022 AAFP Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education
- Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA, FAAFP – Chief Medical Officer, Ohio Department of Health
- Rupam Yavada – AAFP Commission on Continuing Professional Development
- John Weigand, MD – Medical Director, Ohio Department of Health
- Karina Woodling, MD – Ohio Resident Delegate, 2023 National Congress of Family Medicine Residents
- Rebecca Ybarra, MD, FAAFP – OAFP’s 2023 Emerging Leader to NCCL
- Heidi Yount, MD – NCCL Co-Convener of the Woman Delegation
- Amy Zack, MD – OAFP’s 2023 Emerging Leader to NCCL

**EMERGING LEADER PROGRAM**

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