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Georgia Academy Family Physicians Honors Physicians Serving in the Georgia General Assembly

The GAFFP held a dinner to honor the four physicians who currently serve in the Georgia General Assembly. Having legislators with a medical degree has enhanced Georgia's General Assembly in health policy discussions. Family physician leaders from around the state attended the event to thank those that have pursued the higher calling of public service. The Georgia Academy of Family Physicians would like to thank the following legislators:

State Senator Dean Burke, MD – Bainbridge

State Senator Ben Watson, MD – Savannah

State Representative Mark Newton, MD – Augusta

State Representative Betty Price, MD – Roswell

State Representative Mark Newton, MD (Augusta) and Dr. Bruce LeClair (Co-Chair Legislative Committee)

Co-Chair of Legislative Committee Rick Wherry, MD, State Senator Ben Watson, MD (Savannah) and Dr. Chip Cowart (President Elect)

President Eddie Richardson, MD and State Senator Dean Burke, MD (Bainbridge)

State Representative Betty Price (Roswell)

Using Blood Pressure Protocol to Achieve Goals

Million Hearts® has promoted the use of an evidence-based Blood Pressure Protocol as an effective tool for improving blood pressure control among members of the healthcare team, providers, and health care systems. The current Blood Pressure Protocol was developed by a group of stakeholders that recognized the use of protocols held the key to success for blood pressure control.

Advantages to adoption of a Blood Pressure Protocol include, but not limited to, the following:

- Consistency in management of blood pressure by the care team
- Plan for escalation of therapy
- Allowing team members to practice at their highest level of their license
- Ability to audit and obtain feedback from the healthcare team
- Ability to use audit data in quality improvement projects
- Celebrate early wins

Clinicians are encouraged to consider adoption of a Blood Pressure Protocol to provide education to their care team and their patients and enhance the patient involvement as part of the healthcare team. For ease of development, Million Hearts® has a Blood Pressure Protocol available that can be customized with local formulary medications, staff roles and adding the Practice name at:

<https://millionhearts.hhs.gov/files/Hypertension-Protocol.pdf>

Magic Moments in Family Medicine: A Family Medicine Day for Medical Students

Saturday, March 4, 2017 – Register Now – Limited Space

The Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP) is excited to offer medical students a Family Medicine Day with Residency Recruitment Fair. The highly anticipated one-day event introduces medical students to family medicine, residency training programs and provides terrific hands-on skills training workshops. We will end the day with a group dinner at Maggiano's with family physician leaders from around the state sharing with medical students their passion for Family Medicine.

- FREE overnight hotel accommodations if needed.
- 3 Hours of clinical workshops.
- A recruiting fair with GA family medicine residency training programs.
- Great professional networking opportunities.

Register NOW space is limited!!! Should you have additional questions, please contact Tenesha Wallace at (404) 321-7445 or twallace@gafp.org.

Registration

Medical Student Registration (Must be a current student attending a Georgia medical school. Must be a current GAFP/AAFP member. If not a current member, please click here to join: <http://www.aafp.org/about/membership/join/student.html> as student membership is **free!**)

Name / Email

_____ Year in School /
List School

Travel Stipend: If living outside of the Metro Atlanta area a travel stipend of \$300 will be given to you if you stay in the GAFP host hotel – Westin Atlanta Perimeter North, located at 7 Concourse Parkway NE, Atlanta, GA 30328). If living within the Metro Atlanta area - \$100 to offset mileage and parking. Note to receive the stipend, student must attend the full day workshop and the dinner at Maggiano's. Up to 30 stipends will be awarded.

_____ Yes, I need a stipend:

_____ Metro Atlanta _____ Outside Metro

You will receive an email from GAFP staff to confirm receipt of your registration and stipend. Return this email to twallace@gafp.org or fax 404-321-7450. Questions? Call our office: 404-321-7445

GCT2 February 22 Webinar: Using Antibiotics Wisely for Adult Patients in Primary Care

The GAFP serves as a partner of the Georgia Clinical Transformation Team (GCT2), a coalition of organizations who have aligned programs and services dedicated to connecting and collaborating to

lead Georgia providers in transforming healthcare using technology and quality improvement processes.

The GAFP coordinates and hosts 30-minute monthly webinars on topics that foster collaboration on practice quality improvement, facilitated efforts around cardiac care, diabetes management, motivational interviewing, behavioral health, and medication adherence. These educational CME webinars offer a streamlined, comprehensive approach to services that are needed and accessible to clinicians.

This month's webinar, *Using Antibiotics Wisely for Adult Patients in Primary Care*, will be held on February 22nd at 12:30 pm. Dr. Adrienne Mims will serve as our faculty. Please click the link to register for this month's webinar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8402924536095316996>

Regional CME Dinner Meeting on Medicare Payment Shift

Register for Macon, Gainesville and Rome

The leadership of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians has come together with Privia Health to offer primary care physicians local CME dinner meetings to help practices with the new Medicare payment system (MACRA).

Please join us at these pivotal upcoming meetings and feel free to bring a guest.

Note the dinner meeting dates and locations for the rest of the Spring:

Thursday, March 16, Macon, Tic Toc Room
Thursday, April 20, Gainesville, Chattahoochee Country Club
Thursday, May 4, Rome, Harvest Moon

All of the dinner meetings will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8:30 pm. 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credits will be offered to all clinical attendees.

Primary care physicians and a guest are invited to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Fay Fulton (ffulton@gafp.org).

[Please learn more and RSVP today!](#)

Augusta Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) presents to the local Boys & Girls Club

Augusta Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Medical Students and Residents recently presented the Tar Wars tobacco prevention program to more than 50 youth at the Augusta Boys and Girls Club in Augusta, Georgia. In addition to learning about the dangers of tobacco use the students also received information on avoiding new and emerging tobacco products like E-Cigarettes and Hookahs.

To learn how you can present the program in your community contact Kara Sinkule at ksinkule@gafp.org.

Support for Tar Wars provided by the W.G. Raoul Foundation

Students and Residents - Scholarship Applications for National Conference

The American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation generously provides scholarships to residents and medical students to attend the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students each year. This year, 250 scholarships of \$600 are available. [Learn about the Family Medicine Leads program and available scholarship opportunities](#), including category descriptions, award criteria, and application forms. Scholarships are awarded to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses to attend the conference.

All scholarships are provided by the AAFP Foundation, and made possible by the donations of family physicians from across the country. Applications are due May 1.

National Conference is scheduled for July 27-29 in Kansas City, MO

AAFP National Student and Resident Poster Presentations Due

The AAFP is now accepting applications for [poster presentations](#) at the 2017 [National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students](#), July 27-29 in Kansas City, MO. The conference provides one of the largest forums for residents and students to display their research and special projects. Selected posters will be on display in the Expo Hall.

Residents and students can present posters on the following topics:

- Clinical inquiry
- Community project
- Educational program
- Research

One resident and one student will be recognized with first-place ribbons and earn a trip to the 2017 AAFP Family Medicine Experience (FMX), September 12-16 in San Antonio, TX to present their posters. Applications are due by April 1.
