

WAFP Supports Our Members and the Practice of Evidence-Based Medicine

WAFP Membership,

These are challenging times for Wisconsin's Family Physicians. The pandemic lowered trust in institutions, professionals, and expertise. While morale among healthcare workers has improved, it remains below pre-pandemic levels. More recently, unprecedented changes in federal funding, reductions in the federal health workforce, and possible cutbacks to safety net programs appear to threaten the healthcare system, public health infrastructure, and scientific innovation that made America healthcare the envy of the world.

The WAFP Board of Directors makes the following promises to our members:

1. We will support best practices based on the best scientific evidence.

The AAFP and other health organizations have developed useful resources on vaccine hesitancy, opposition to water fluoridation, and threats to current research and public health programs. These resources can help us better communicate with patients on these and other important issues. We'll share these resources on our website (wafp.org), in our monthly newsletter Your Academy in Action, and through our Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians Mobile app.

2. We will support efforts to improve chronic disease prevention and treatment, nutrition, and food and environmental safety.

Family physicians have for many years advocated for more attention to and research on chronic disease, nutrition, and food and environmental safety. At the same time, we have a collective responsibility to continue to provide the best possible care to all our patients, regardless of their condition or circumstance. As the federal government shifts its focus to these vital areas, we will continue to support policies that are based on high quality scientific evidence.

3. We will continue to advocate for Wisconsin's Family Physicians and our patients.

The WAFP, along with other health professional organizations, is actively engaged with local, state, and national authorities to make certain that our concerns are heard. We remain a highly trusted source of information and advice for our patients. The collective voice of Family Physicians and our patients will help us navigate these uncertain times.