



**WISCONSIN ACADEMY OF
FAMILY PHYSICIANS**
STRONG MEDICINE FOR WISCONSIN

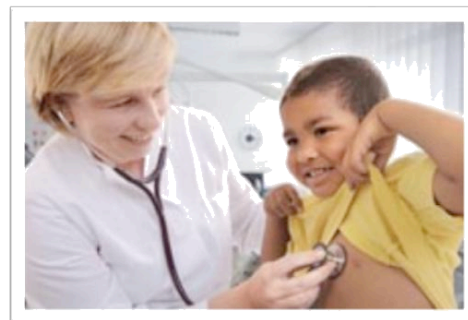
ABOUT THE WAFP:

The Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians (WAFP) is a statewide association of Family Medicine doctors established in 1948 to:

- 1. Promote and maintain high professional and ethical standards in the practice of Family Medicine.**
- 2. Encourage young people to prepare for active careers in Family Medicine.**
- 3. Help provide continuing education to family physicians.**

The WAFP – a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians – represents nearly 2,900 members, making the WAFP the single largest physician specialty group in Wisconsin.

In addition, the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians Foundation supports many of our educational and research programs for medical students, including those that would reduce the shortage of primary care physicians in Wisconsin.



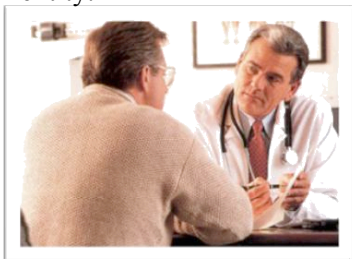
WAFP MISSION:

The mission of the WAFP is to promote excellence in health care and to improve the health of the people of Wisconsin through the advancement of the art and science of Family Medicine, the specialty of Family Medicine and the professional growth of Family Physicians.

We also strive to increase access to quality health care in Wisconsin through legislative advocacy and work to support fair and meaningful legislation concerning health care issues in our state.

ABOUT FAMILY MEDICINE:

Family Medicine is the medical specialty that provides continuing and comprehensive primary health care for individuals and families. Family Medicine integrates the biological, clinical and behavioral sciences, and its scope encompasses all ages, both sexes, each organ system and every disease entity.



Family Medicine includes health promotion, disease prevention, health maintenance, counseling, patient education, diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses in a variety of health care settings.

Family physicians serve as the entry point for most of a patient's health care needs and more patients are seen by family doctors than any other specialty. Family physicians are advocates for patients in coordinating use of the entire health care system and are responsible for the patient's long-term care.



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2017-18 WAFP POLICY AGENDA:

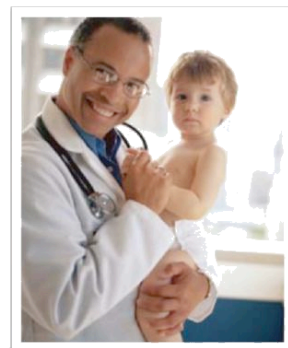
1. IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF PATIENT CARE

- Preserve the strength of the physician-patient relationship and prevent changes to current state law that would interfere in that all-important relationship.
- Maintain the integrity of Wisconsin's physician scope of practice laws and prevent the expansion of non-physician scope of practice laws at the expense of patient health and safety.
- Preserve the current structure of Wisconsin's successful workers' compensation program and prevent the implementation of artificial price controls on health care services provided under the program.
- Support legislation and policies to improve care and increase access to services for Wisconsin residents with mental health needs.
- Promote legislation and policy decisions that take advantage of the benefits and cost-savings of the Patient Centered Medical Home model.
- Support policies that continue to provide critical, yet cost-effective health care benefits to the state's most vulnerable citizens.



2. STRENGTHEN THE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

- Support the Rural Physician Educator Grant Program, which incentivizes and encourages practicing physicians to volunteer as preceptors in rural and underserved areas. These physicians will provide invaluable, one-on-one mentorship to medical students in local communities, ensuring the education of future medical providers.
- Increase state funding for primary care medicine and family practice residency programs, especially in medically underserved areas.
- Support legislative and policies efforts to encourage more primary care physicians to practice in Wisconsin.



3. IMPROVE THE MEDICAL LIABILITY CLIMATE

- Preserve Wisconsin's current medical liability climate and support legislation to further improve the environment – which would benefit both patients and the physician workforce.