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## Nominations Open for the 2020 Family Physician of the Year

WICHITA, KAN. — The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) recognizes a member each year as its *Family Physician of the Year*. Please submit your nomination today for the 2020 award. The submission deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019.

### Criteria

Do you know a Kansas family physician going above and beyond to care for patients, is active in their community and is a good role model? KAFP's *Family Physician of the Year* is selected annually from among KAFP members in good standing who are directly and effectively involved in community affairs and activities that enhance the quality of life for their community. The *Family Physician of the Year* award is an established recognition program of the KAFP, conducted annually since 1990.

Nominees must be actively practicing family medicine at least 30 hours per week and a member of the KAFP. More than 90 percent of Kansas family physicians are members of the KAFP. You can view all of our past award recipients [here](#). To allow an opportunity for all of our members to be recognized, past award recipients are ineligible.

### How to submit a nomination:

View the selection criteria and submit your nomination [online](#) or submit a letter detailing why your nominee is deserving of this year's award to:

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The winner will be announced in Feb.2020. The KAFP will honor the recipient at its annual CME conference, *Fam Med Forward*, June 4-6, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Hotel, Manhattan, Kan. The recipient will be nominated for the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) 2020 Family Physician of the Year award.

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*Founded in 1948, the KAFP represents nearly two thousand physicians and medical students statewide. It is the only medical society in Kansas devoted solely to primary care. A family physician takes care of the whole family, all ages, both sexes, each organ system and every disease entity. Research has proven that people with access to primary care have better health outcomes than those who do not. In Kansas, approximately one-half of family physicians practice in non-metropolitan areas. Over 25 percent treat uninsured patients, especially children and families receiving public assistance. The*

*mission of the KAFP is to support and serve family physicians of Kansas as they advance the health of Kansans. For more information visit the KAFP website at [www.kafponline.org](http://www.kafponline.org).*

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