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Kansas Family Physicians Focus on Saving Patients, Not Profiting from Their Deaths

Family physicians take Hippocratic Oath which promises to “first, do no harm.”

KAFP President Chad Johanning, MD, FAAFP of Lawrence, said Monday, "As a family physician serving on the front lines and fighting the effects of COVID-19 across our Kansas communities with my healthcare colleagues, I'm disheartened to have to again defend the work that we are doing."

"Now is not the time to place blame for this complicated pandemic, much less on professionals who have worked tirelessly to save the lives of our patients since the pandemic began nearly eight months ago. As family physicians, our goal is to keep COVID-19 numbers down in our communities, mitigate the risk of community spread, treat patients who do contract the virus, and do everything in our power to keep them out of the hospital and prevent their possible death. To suggest otherwise in this latest claim that doctors are capitalizing off the pandemic is not only unfounded, but also insulting to Kansas family physicians and all physicians alike. Such claims only embolden the harmful and unhelpful belief that science isn't to be trusted." he added.

The KAFP thanks all our members and healthcare colleagues across the state for all they do to keep their communities safer from the effects of COVID-19. We stand with you and we support you."

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The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) represents nearly 2,000 physicians and medical students statewide. It is the only medical society in Kansas devoted solely to primary care. Today, family physicians provide more care for the underserved and rural populations than any other medical specialty. Family physicians conduct approximately one in five office visits. Family medicine's cornerstone is an ongoing, personal patient-physician relationship focused on integrated care.