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Kansas Academy of Family Physicians elects 2023 board of directors

Overland Park, Kan. (Jan. 17, 2023) – Members of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians have elected the organization’s 2023 board of directors. This leadership team serves as KAFP’s governing body and will advocate on behalf of family physicians and patients throughout Kansas and the United States.

“The KAFP represents a group of highly trained primary care physicians who are playing a more crucial role in Kansas’s healthcare system than ever,” said KAFP CEO Tarah Remington-Brown. “We’re excited to work with the new members of our board to advocate for advancing the health of all Kansans.”

The elected members are as follows:

Officers

- President Deb Doubek, MD, FAAFP - Manhattan
- President-Elect Jared Johnson, MD - Wichita
- Treasurer Gretchen Irwin, MD, FAAFP - Wichita
- Secretary Keith Ratzlaff, MD, FAAFP - Olathe
- Immediate Past President Jennifer Bacani McKenney, MD, FAAFP

Directors

- Saby Karrupiah, MD, FAAFP – Overland Park
- Colleen Loo-Gross, MD, FAAFP – Wichita
- Beth Oller, MD, FAAFP – Stockton
- Tessa Rohrberg, MD, FAAFP – Wichita
- Dirk Smith, MD, FAAFP – Wichita
- Nicole Yedlinsky, MD, FAAFP – Lansing

Resident Director

- Towne Walston, MD – University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita Family Medicine Residency at Wesley

Student Director

- Faith Hampton – University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita

About the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians

The KAFP represents nearly 2,000 physicians and medical students statewide. It is the only medical society in Kansas devoted solely to primary care and is the largest medical specialty organization in Kansas. A family physician takes care of the whole family, all ages and 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% treat uninsured patients, especially children and families receiving public assistance. The mission of the KAFP is to empower and cultivate Kansas family physicians to advocate and collaborate for the health of all Kansans. For more information visit the website at kafponline.org.