

PAFP 101

What you need to know to get the most value out of your PAFP membership

Welcome to the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, your state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. We're glad you're a member.

AAFP = PAFP

First things first. Membership in AAFP and PAFP are unified. When you joined the AAFP, you automatically became a member of PAFP. In addition to the significant benefits of AAFP membership at the national level, you gain valuable state-specific benefits that connect you with family medicine activities, initiatives, leaders and peers right here in Pennsylvania. We welcome your participation!

PAFP Priorities

The PAFP's top priorities are:

- **Advocacy:** Fighting for you, your patients and your specialty in Harrisburg through our Board-driven legislative agenda; championing the issues that are important to family physicians; and opposing efforts detrimental to family medicine.
- **Education/Professional Development:** Delivering affordable, accessible, and relevant professional development options that offer the CME you need to maintain your licensure, including state-mandated CME. All of PAFP's in-person and on-demand CME meets the mandated Patient Safety criteria.
- **Workforce Development:** Supporting students, residents and young physicians in their career development journey with scholarship and conference opportunities, professional networking and resources, research presentations and leadership development. PAFP partners with local, state and national groups to develop and support initiatives to strengthen and expand the family physician workforce pathway needed to deliver optimal health to all Pennsylvania communities.

PAFP Website

Our site — www.pafp.com — showcases details about advocacy efforts, educational offerings and resident/student resources. You'll find event info, upcoming deadlines, legislative news and more. A "Members Only" section houses information exclusive to members, including committee details, a leadership roster, how to get involved, staff contact info and more. (Log-in details are provided on the Members Only access page.)

PAFP Staff

Get to know us! We are a small, dedicated team — and we're fiercely committed to supporting family medicine and family physicians in our home state. Please don't hesitate to connect with us if you have ideas, questions or concerns. Call **1-800-648-5623** to reach us.

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PAFP Foundation

The PAFP Foundation is the 501(c)3 arm of the PAFP, which:

- Funds programs that support medical student experiences within family medicine;
- Strengthens and expands residency programs;
- Administers accredited continuing education (CME) programs; and
- Collaborates with state and community organizations on public health initiatives.

Your tax-deductible donations to the PAFP Foundation help us strengthen and protect family medicine in Pennsylvania. You may donate online at www.pafp.com or text a donation to **1-717-366-7261**.

Member Communications

You'll receive carefully curated member communications from us on a regular basis, including:

- **Progress Notes** – Our monthly digital member newsletter, which is emailed to all members on the last Thursday of the month.
- **Keystone Physician** – Our quarterly member magazine, which is mailed to all members four times a year.

Please keep the contact preferences on your AAFP account up to date to ensure our communications reach you.

PAFP Leadership

All of the activities and priorities of the PAFP are guided by its members, led by an elected 12-member board of directors. The board of directors includes physicians, a resident, a student, and a Family Medicine Residency Program Director representative. Elected officers of the board include President, President-elect, Treasurer and Foundation President. Elections are held each year and all members are encouraged to vote at the Annual Business Meeting each spring. Please consider your skill set and interests and volunteer for committee and board service if you are interested in joining of the PAFP's leadership team. We encourage you to get involved!

Standing committees include:

- Committee on Continuing Professional Development (COCPD)
- Governance and Practice Advocacy Committee (GPAC)
- Resident and Student Affairs Committee (RSAC)

Advocacy

The AAFP represents you and your specialty in Washington, DC. The PAFP does the same in Harrisburg — fighting to protect you and your patients. Our team of lobbyists advocate for and against legislation that will impact you, your patients and the specialty of family medicine. State government affairs has emerged with greater importance over the years, and we conduct our lobbying affairs with the utmost integrity, civility, and always in good faith.

Sometimes, we need your help. Keep an eye out for important **“Action Alerts”** asking for you to contact your legislators through the online SPEAK OUT portal, which makes it easy to connect you with the appropriate state official. This is an easy way to engage in advocacy and make your voice heard.

PAFP-PAC

The PAFP-PAC is the official, bipartisan political action committee of family medicine in Pennsylvania. Through individual, voluntary contributions, PAFP-PAC supports candidates for the state legislature who demonstrate an interest in the issues facing family physicians and their patients. Our PAC is governed by a dedicated board of directors, which determines financial support based on an examination of the concerns, responsiveness and support of family medicine positions and values. By investing in PAFP-PAC, you join your colleagues in creating a stronger voice for family physicians in Harrisburg. In today's environment, PACs are an important part of the political process and a necessary advocacy tool.

Contributions to PAFP-PAC are not tax deductible and corporate contributions are prohibited by law.

Education/Professional Development

Each year, the PAFP offers three in-person events: spring, summer and fall.

In the spring and fall, one-day **Family Medicine Essentials Summits** offer the state-mandated child abuse recognition and reporting training (ACT 31) and opioid and pain management education (ACT 124) you need for each two-year licensure cycle. The Summits offer additional CME sessions that cover a variety of important topics, all of which count toward your Patient Safety requirements.

Co-located and concurrent with the Spring FM Essentials Summit each year, **Research Day** is a showcase for students, residents, fellows, faculty and community physicians to share their original research projects, QI projects, case presentations, community and public health projects and compete for cash prizes. Helpful tips for presenters provided on www.pafp.com.

The **Summer CME Conference** offers four days of fun and CME in a relaxing, family-friendly location. The agenda for this conference always includes plenty of free time, so you can balance work and play — and spend time with family and friends (or a good book!). This is our largest conference of the year. You won't want to miss it!

PAFP members also have exclusive FREE 24/7 access to an online library of recorded accredited webcasts. You'll typically find between 15 and 20 webcasts at www.pafp.com in the Online CME section. All PAFP webcasts count toward your Patient Safety requirements.

Annual Business Meeting

You're invited! All PAFP members are encouraged to attend and participate in the PAFP's Annual Business Meeting, which is held in conjunction with the FM Essentials Summit each spring. The Annual Business Meeting activities include:

- Election of PAFP leadership
- Convocation of new Fellows (FAAFP)
- PAFP and PAFP Foundation updates
- Installation of new PAFP President
- Announcement of Family Physician of the Year, Annual Public Health Award and Annual Exemplary Teaching Award

Membership Year & Renewals

Your AAFP/PAFP membership runs through the calendar year — January through December. You'll receive renewal reminders from us and from the AAFP in the fall each year to make sure your member benefits don't expire.

Thank You

Thank you for the trust you have placed in PAFP through your membership. Together we will make a difference.

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