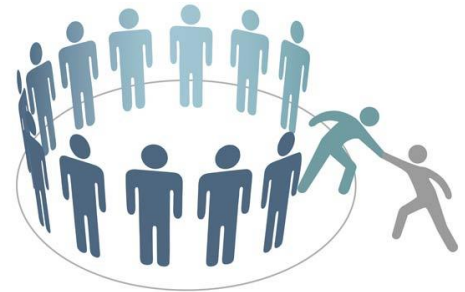


"Ten Good Reasons Why Members Value Their Membership"

Whether you joined NYSAFP as a member and became active in its many functions or whether you joined and chose to be counted as a member, you make a difference! Membership numbers count when our Academy talks to leaders and the public across the state. Members who become active in one of our functions find their world expanded. Members can join one of our commissions, vote in the policy making body called "Congress of Delegates", and run for membership on our Board or an office in the Academy if they wish.



1. The NYSAFP is an influential organization that he support the practice of **family medicine in areas**
 - a. the regulatory environment
 - b. reimbursement
 - c. public health law
 - d. economic and professional turf wars
 - e. the future of family medicine by influencing residency training, residency working environments and seeking to ensure an adequate number of residency slots to not only ensure every capable student can attend a NYS residency but that the primary care needs of America can be met by family physicians.
2. The NYSAFP helps to ensure that you can **practice a scope of medicine** commensurate with your training. The NYSAFP is an influential organization that interacts with other specialties, licensing and regulatory agencies, insurance providers and malpractice insurers, and hospitals, ACOs and other entities in order to help prevent arbitrary and capricious restrictions (which often amount to turf/economic wars).
3. The NYSAFP is an influential organization that helps ensure **optimal care of your patients**. By seeking to control regulatory overreach, ensure public health law meshes with primary care, and ensure that scope of practice is rational for the professions of New York and other issues.
4. The NYSAFP is an influential organization that **advocates for changes in New York State** that affect your patients' health - changes in regulations, rules, and laws that affect how we work and live.

5. The NYSAFP is an organization that creates gratifying experiences with colleagues for you from across the State - experiences such as **continuing education**, and issues-oriented meetings. Most commonly physicians and students come away from NYSAFP functions, continuing education and meetings feeling engaged, energized, and gratified. Participation in the Academy nurtures you and helps you further your professional goals.
6. The NYSAFP advocates for **reasonable regulations** which have an impact on fees, overhead, certification and regulatory requirements so that you benefit monetarily from membership.
7. The NYSAFP is an influential organization that **helps medical students** see the rewards of being a family physician and help more of them join our ranks. The future of our specialty is linked to our position as the cornerstone of sound healthcare policy for our country. Ensuring we have the numbers to serve our country is key.
8. The NYSAFP is an influential organization that tells our government agencies and the public why primary care (and family medicine in particular) is so key to **public health**.
9. I am employed by a company - What does the NYSAFP give me? From the foregoing eight points we think you are likely to identify many of them that are important to you regardless of how you are paid or employed. Family medicine issues **transcend employment** often. However, the needs of employed physicians are often the subject of NYSAFP debates and actions.
10. Finally,
 - a. Through NYSAFP you can effectively **collaborate with colleagues** in other specialties (such as pediatrics, surgery, Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) and others), and
 - b. You have a louder more significant voice in health care matters than just yours alone.

**We value
your membership
in the NYSAFP!**

