



## "Nine Good Reasons You should join NYSAFP"

Whether you join NYSAFP as a member and become active in its many functions or whether you join and choose 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 if they wish.

1. Join an **influential organization** to help nurture and support family medicine residents in areas like:
  - residency training
  - residency working environmentsensuring 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. Ensure you can practice a **scope of medicine commensurate with your training**. Join an organization that interacts with other specialties, licensing and regulatory agencies, insurance providers and malpractice insurers, and hospitals, ACOs and other entities in order to prevent arbitrary and capricious restrictions (which often amount to turf / economic wars).
3. Work with an organization to help you **ensure optimal care of your patients**.
4. Advocate 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. Become a part of an organization that creates **gratifying experiences with colleagues** for you from across the State.
6. You want to **benefit monetarily from** membership. (Perhaps not during residency but, certainly, after!)
7. Help **medical students** see the rewards of being a family physician and help to recruit them into our ranks.
8. Tell our government agencies and the public why primary care (and family medicine in particular) is so key to **public health**.
9. Finally, **collaborate** (through NYSAFP) with colleagues in other specialties (such as pediatrics, surgery, Medical Society of the State of New York (NSSNY) and others).

You will have a louder more significant voice in health care matters than just yours alone.

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

