



## "Six 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. You want to **make a difference.**** Whether you are an active member in NYSAFP or not, your membership will be powerful medicine for the health of New Yorkers. Through NYSAFP's commissions' of public health and advocacy and the Congress of Delegates setting our policies we advocate for the needs of our patients, our members and the health of all New Yorkers. You can play an important role in affecting the health of your city, county and our state.
- 2. You want to meet other students, residents in Family Medicine and practicing physicians and **collaborate with your colleagues.**** Through meeting venues regionally and statewide you will meet fellow students/residents who share your concerns, who will enlighten you, and who will inspire you.
- 3. You want to **career plan.**** Networking with physicians from across the state is a great way to explore a wide variety of practice styles, settings and locations. NYSAFP meeting and events allow you to do this. You will make friendships that will be lifelong.
- 4. You want to explore the **future of family medicine.**** Discussions and presentations at the Congress of Delegates and cluster meetings of commissions often deal with our future as a specialty. By being a member you have an open door to these discussions
- 5. You want a **rewarding, gratifying experience.**** Most commonly physicians and students come away from NYSAFP functions, and meetings feeling engaged, energized, and gratified. Participation in the Academy nurtures you and helps you further your professional goals.
- 6. It won't cost me anything to join. **Membership is free**** for students, as part of your (also free) American Academy of Family Physicians membership.

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

