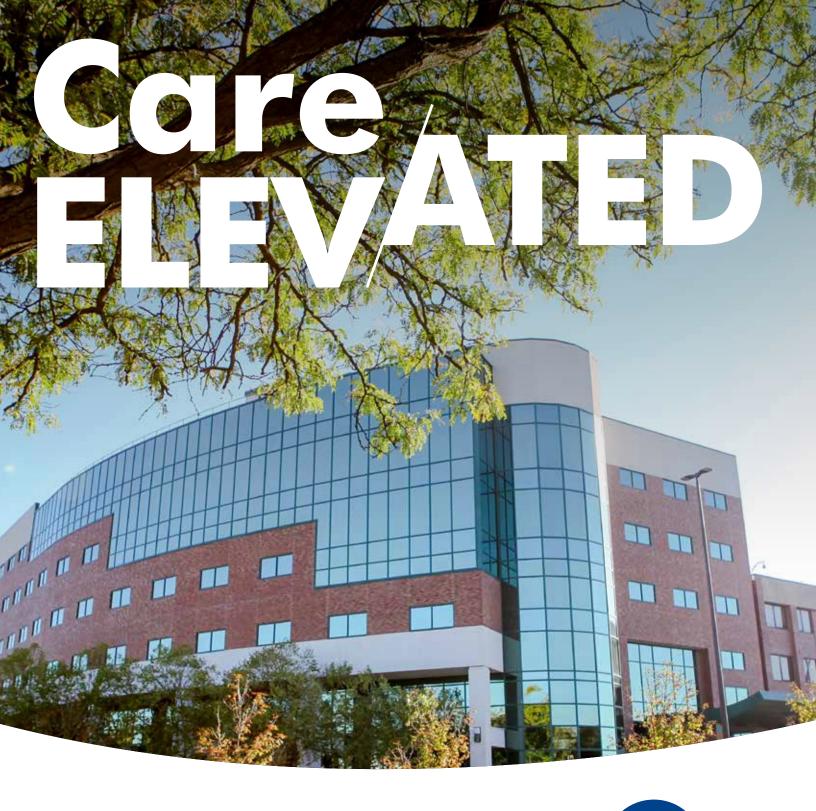




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#### Welcome to the 70th Congress of Delegates and installation dinner of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians.

Since its inception in 1948 the Academy has been a leader in advancing the specialty of family medicine, advocating for members and patients, producing educational programs to enhance the skills and knowledge of family physicians, and cultivating interest in family medicine among medical students.

For seven decades our Congress has been a forum for principled and vigorous debate. Members of all backgrounds and beliefs have come together in harmony to fashion policies and recommendations worthy of advancement by a body of colleagues committed to the enhancement of their profession, mindful of their duty to patients and respectful of the varying opinions and experiences which collectively frame the patchwork of public values which are the foundation of our democracy.

A primary purpose of our Congress is the election of leaders. With careful consideration of the mission of the Academy and the high purpose of serving the interests of patients, delegates have once again elected a team of men and women who will comprise

the leadership of this Academy at a time of change and against the challenge of preserving the sacred relationship of patient and physician. The officers and directors who will be installed this evening by the esteemed president of the AAFP, Dr. Michael Munger, have been measured by their peers and empowered to represent the specialty of family medicine. They are well qualified to do so and will join a long line of physicians whose leadership over the years has defined an Academy held today to the highest standards of professionalism.

After installation of our officers and directors, we will honor our incoming and outgoing presidents – Drs. Marc Price and Sarah Nosal, respectively.

We are grateful to have you with us tonight and hope you enjoy this evening's program.

Sincerely,

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Vito F. Grasso, MPA, CAE Executive Vice President



ANDREW M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

June 23, 2018

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP).

The Empire State recognizes the vital contributions of family physicians who practice in communities large and small. Since its founding in 1948, the New York State Academy of Family Physicians has defined the scope and substance of family medicine, educated generations of family physicians, and provided advocacy for this important sector of the medical community. As this state's chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, we are proud of your history of contribution to the national organization, whose founders included many "general practice" physicians from New York.

Today, the NYSAFP represents more than 4,300 family physicians, residents, and medical students dedicated to the primary care of individuals and families and to high standards of practice. With health care dominating the national dialogue, the Academy has been a respected and welcome partner of state government in developing and implementing policy to ensure New Yorkers have the best possible health care system.

I join to commend the Academy and its members for your meaningful contributions to the health and lives of New Yorkers. All New Yorkers appreciate such vital efforts and extend congratulations as your membership commemorates 70 years of impressive achievement.

Warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable milestone celebration.

Sincerely,

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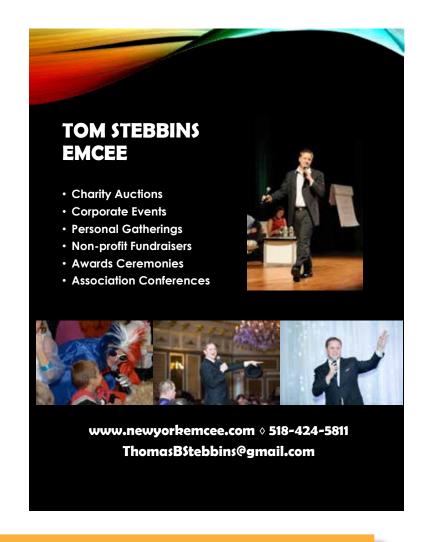
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The Bronx Westchester Chapter congratulates the New York State Academy of Family Physicians on their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



I want to extend a warm welcome to all of our delegates, alternate delegates, guests and dignitaries as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary! To say that our chosen specialty has come a long way in that time is an understatement. We have been a driving force to implement change within our state and communities, striving to improve the delivery of healthcare to our patients. I feel that through our efforts we have grown to be one of, if not the most respected physician organizations in New York State.

However, despite this accomplishment, our members remain as diverse in personality and thought as we are in practice and work settings. As a group we care for all ages of patients, truly "cradle to grave," we deliver babies, perform procedures ranging from simple office procedures to endoscopy to more advanced surgical procedures requiring a full operating suite and staff. We are employed physicians, small and large business owners, CEOs, board chairs and thought leaders for our communities and state. We practice in all settings, all scopes of traditional family medicine, sports medicine, women's health, hospitalist care, private and hospital owned

practices and within subspecialty offices, urgent care centers, emergency rooms and more. We advocate for the health care of all of our state's citizens and lay sleepless at night worrying about that one patient who wasn't doing well. We practice in large metropolitan settings, the most rural of settings and everything in between.

Despite our diversity, we are all family physicians and we all have a common desire to make this world and the lives of our patients and their families better than when we found it. I thrive on meeting members from across the state and hearing their stories. I'm always humbled and impressed at the skill, dedication, selflessness and intelligence of all of our members.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to your patients, their families and your chosen profession of family medicine. You should be proud of the work you do. Any success we have as your Academy is a direct tribute to you! Have a great COD and gala celebration and enjoy yourselves and the company of your colleagues, you've earned it!



# Sarah C. Nosal, MD, FAAFP 71st President

Welcome to all from New York and beyond who join us this evening to celebrate our 70th year of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Annual Banquet & Installation of Officers. Since 1948 we have worked to fulfill our mission to transform healthcare to achieve optimal health for all, serving our patients, communities, and our profession. This anniversary provides me with the unique opportunity to express gratitude to all of you for your fulfillment of this mission. I am privileged to be part of such an outstanding network of capable, compassionate and dedicated physicians.

Our effective work in advocacy, education, leadership, membership, public health and operations is in thanks to our committed Commission Chairs and members who dedicate their time to the execution of the work of the Academy. And all of such work is made possible in thanks to a staff who live and breathe the mission of family medicine.

I cannot believe how this year has flown by! I am grateful to have represented our NYSAFP who declares "Health Care Is a Human Right." As we gather to install our newly elected officers we are keenly aware that our ability to effectively promote the

goals which are embraced by the ideal that health is a fundamental human right will be largely determined by the character and commitment of those among our leadership tasked with representing family physicians before the various and diverse publics which will determine the future of our healthcare system. I am certain our officers, delegates, Board members, commissions, and staff will remain dedicated in service to the family physicians, residents, and students who are our NYSAFP family. With 70 years of service behind us, and my presidential year drawing to a close, it yet remains clear our work has only just begun.

It has been a great honor to serve you as your president. I am so proud to be a family physician and I look forward to many more years of service to the Academy and much more good work together.

Thank you for your service to family medicine,

Sarah C. Nosal, MD, FAAFP 71st President NYSAFP @NYSAFP\_Prez @SCNosalMD June 2018





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#### Dr. Sarah Nosal

for her service and we commend

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# 2018 Family Physician Educator of the Year



Ephraim Back, MD, MPH, FAAFP Residency Program Director SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY – MD

University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY – Residency

Clinical Professor, Albany Medical College and NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine

Dr. Back joined the Mid-Hudson FMRP as program director in October 2013. He has a passion for training physicians for full spectrum family medicine within the context of community and public health. He has 17 years of family medicine residency training experience and a strong interest in obstetrics and public health. He believes that our three residency programs offer residents unique opportunities to more fully develop the skills expected of family physicians in the 21st century.

This is the second time Dr. Back has been recognized with this award. Support for his nomination from students, residents and colleagues acknowledge and acclaim his skill, competence, compassion and virtue as a role model.

#### $Excerpts \ from \ nominators$

#### Joel Panthappattu, MD

Regardless of one's profession, it is only natural to seek out educators that ignite passion and pass on knowledge that cannot always be found in textbooks. Dr. Ephraim Back personifies these qualities for me and many of my resident colleagues. He is someone who is a mentor to young physicians starting out in their careers, overwhelmed by the vast number of options before them. He is a teacher, through and through - eager in sharing his real life experiences as well as his personal methods to improve our knowledge base. He is willing to spend time he often doesn't have to ensure that his lessons have translated to true learning.

From his humble beginnings as a medical student at the University of Buffalo and a resident at the University of Rochester, Dr. Back has always had a vested interest in public and community health. Since becoming our program director at the Mid-Hudson Family Medicine Residency Program in 2013, he has been committed to passing on his legacy of full spectrum Family Medicine. Whether it involves vaccination schedules for children, delivering babies, inserting IUD's or performing joint injections, he has always been exemplary in his knowledge and technique. Regardless of which service he is on, Dr. Back makes it his priority to educate his residents and medical students on matters, both medical and non-medical.

Out of his many qualities, the one that stands out the most is his ability to remain humble and to continually seek knowledge despite his many years of practice. He is quick to admit he may not know every answer and beyond that, he prompts his students and his colleagues to find the answers with him so that they can learn together. Education with him is not linear, from master to novice but circular, amongst equals, which breeds mutual respect, a sense of camaraderie and improves self confidence which is often lacking among residents.

Dr. Back has been a coveted member of our faculty and a much loved program director. We would be thrilled for the Academy of Family Practice to recognize what we see in him daily - that a truer educator, teacher and friend is hard to find. Thank you for this consideration.

#### Jessica King, DO

I am writing on behalf of Dr. Ephraim Back as NYSAFP Educator of the Year. I have had the privilege to call Dr. Back a program director, teacher and mentor since I started my family medicine residency in 2013 at the Institute for Family Health, Kingston NY. However, I first met Dr. Back when I was a fourth year medical student at Ellis Hospital. I was working on the medicine floor overnight when I first had to call him about at patient. During the wee hours of the morning, he patiently waited

as a nervous medical student gave her presentation. He asked a few questions and took the time to teaching me despite the hour.

When I started residency, I was excited to learn that Dr. Back had taken over the position as program director at IFH. He did not disappoint. Dr. Back continued to be an excellent educator. His knowledge spans from the hospital floors to office medicine to delivering babies. With each experience with him, he always showed compassion and patience with his patients and his students. He taught through example—always expanding his knowledge base and pushing all his students and residents to do the same.

I can say, without reservations, I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for Dr. Back. He found and spoke on my behalf for my dream position, which helped to secure my spot at Hudson Headwaters in Champlain, NY, near my hometown. Dr. Back is a physician and an educator I strive to emulate. We are now starting residency education in Champlain with the CVPH Family Medicine Program and I hope I can be as great of an educator as Dr. Back.

To say the least, I, wholeheartedly, believe and support in Dr. Ephraim Back as the NYSAFP Educator of the Year. He puts his heart and soul into family medicine and the education of our future physicians. Thank you for considering this wonderful man.

#### Mark Josefski, MD

I am pleased to nominate Ephraim Back, MD for the New York State Academy of Family Physicians Family Medicine Educator of the Year Award. Dr. Back has been the program director at the Mid-Hudson Family Medicine Residency Program since 2013 and has led a significant revision in our educational curriculum. He has helped continue the training of community oriented family physicians in New York State for more than 30 years. Prior to accepting this position, he held many leadership roles at the (formerly St Clare's) Ellis Hospital Family Medicine Residency Training Program. During that time, he trained a generation of people who have gone on to become educators and outstanding family physicians. Dr. Back is a champion of evidence-based medicine, as well as continuing professional education at the highest level. As evidenced by his CV, he has contributed to the academic and scholarly literature in a significant manner. He has been involved in the Education Commission of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians from 2011-2016, serving as it's Chair and helped to guide and plan Winter Weekend for many years.

Ephraim is a tireless advocate for education of family physicians. He is so good at it that both of his children have chosen to follow in his footsteps and have become family physicians. He embodies every aspect of what it means to be an educator and is truly deserving of this award.

#### Wesley Ho, MD

I'm writing in support of Dr. Ephraim Back for his nomination for the 2018 Family Practice Educator of the Year Award. I'm not going to take up your valuable time with a description of his qualifications. His work at the Academy over the years, during which many of you worked closely with him, has an eloquence my paltry words could not match. Rather, I'll describe my personal connection with him in this letter. Dr. Back has been an inspiration to me, not only as my instructor when I was a student but also as an educator now that I am a teacher myself.

Looking back to 10 years ago, I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to shadow Dr. Back as a medical student at Ellis Hospital. There I was able to catch a glimpse of what a role model family physician looks like. Through his charisma, caring, and compassion I saw how becoming a family physician could impact the community. This deeply influenced my decision to dedicate myself to family medicine. Under his guidance I built the foundation to become the physician and educator I am today. His knowledge and leadership continue to push me to become a more well-rounded physician, educator and leader.

Over the last 5 years, as one of his faculty members, I continue to benefit from his knowledge every day. His encouragement has inspired the development of a more effective didactic lecture series using student driven program evaluation tools. He has affected how we, as mentors, manage the rigors of supervising challenging residents in clinical competency committee meetings. Moreover, though our interaction as co-preceptors during the clinical session, he continues to influence and motivate the educators he partners with. His innovation has elevated our residency program to become one of the most desirable training sites for students and residents. His commitment has filled the gaps in the residents' academic needs by hosting weekly board review sessions with the senior residents. His passion for research continues to impact the residents' dialog regarding their understanding of evidence-based medicine through an innovative journal club and POEM. His resourcefulness landed him the distinction of "go to" instructor for residents in managing patients living with Hepatitis C and contending with the opioid crisis. His passionate for teaching has inspired each of our core faculty members, particularly myself, to continue this important work as the next generation of family medicine practitioners and educators.

In summary; Ephraim is not only a teacher and a mentor. He is a role model for anyone who has the fortune to work alongside him. I'm aware that he has previously won this award, in 2001; However, Dr. Back has continued to dedicate the last 17 years to his passion for educating the next generation of medical professionals. That passion drives the way we, as his students see his work, we have

come to consider him as more then educator of the year. We tend to see his career and his influence as earning him a new title; "Educator of the Decade". He has touched and nurtured numerous young physicians like myself, year after year, all of us striving to follow in his footsteps as accomplished, influential, and beloved family physicians. With that, I humbly plea to the commission to consider Dr. Back as the recipient of the 2018 Family Practice Educator of the Year Award.

#### Hilary L. Schroeder, MD

I am writing this letter in support of Dr. Back for the "Educator of the Year" Award.

Since starting residency at the Institute for Family Health- Mid Hudson program in 2015, I have come to know Dr. Back quite well as he served in the role of Program Director. Over the past two years, he has worn many hats with both faculty and residents: mentor, educator, friend and fatherly-figure. Throughout it all, he has always remained professional, approachable, and fair.

As an educator, he stimulates intellectual curiosity, encourages professional growth, and volunteers to lead our weekly Board review sessions. There has never been a time when he has declined covering a weekly didactic slot that suddenly became unfilled, and does so without complaint. Additionally, he remains current with latest medical protocols, leads one of our Procedure clinics, and volunteered to start the Hepatitis C clinic in the Kingston office.

To me, it is evident that he is well-respected by his colleagues, and likewise, is respectful of them. He is very giving of his time- offers to cover medicine and the obstetrics floors for the entire weekend, partly as his duty to share the workload, but often times out of beneficence to provide other faculty members respite. In point, although he is stepping down from the position this summer, he has offered to cover three weeks of medicine floors so other faculty members can have desired time off.

Without a doubt, Dr. Back leads by example and serves as an excellent role model for those whom he encounters. It is for all of these reasons, and more, that I recommend Dr. Back for Educator of the Year, and do so without hesitation.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### John Petrillo, D.O

I am honored to write this letter of endorsement for Dr. Ephraim Back as a candidate for New York State Academy's Family Physician Educator of the Year Award. I have known Dr. Back for at least 18 years and worked directly with him or under him for approximately 11 years and feel I can speak to his strengths as a candidate.

I don't think it would be possible to get into all of the amazing aspects of his CV in this letter. Just reviewing his

CV made me feel quite humble and reflect upon what it is that I do with my time! Since the time he has graduated medical school in 1984, he has dedicated himself to public health, research, medical student and undergraduate student teaching, healthcare to multiple communities, as well as resident education. The best way to show you the most telling aspect of how impactful his education has been is to give you a timeline of what he has done for me.

When Dr. Back was the student clerkship director for St. Clare's Hospital I reached out to him for a rotation. He then precepted me through that rotation and nearly single-handedly made me fall in love with family medicine. I subsequently became a resident in the program where he was a faculty member and learned under him for 3 years. I stayed on with the faculty and Dr. Back moved me into his office so I would have a place here. What then transpired was several years of camaraderie, tutelage, listening, and mentoring. I have gone from student to Program Director in the very program he used to teach in. To this day, he still continues to meet with me, mentor me, and, support me. In terms of education, he has done the penultimate by advocating for me, believing in me, and inspiring me. I am fully aware that Dr. Back has previously won this very award. I know that there are many deserving candidates among our educators across the state. I guess you could say that if anyone is going to win the award twice, I wouldn't be shocked that he could be the very one you consider.



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# 2018 Family Physician of the Year



#### **College:**

St. Lawrence University

#### **Medical School:**

Albany Medical College

#### **Residency:**

St. Claire's Hospital - Schenectady

#### **Certifications:**

American Board of Family Medicine

Dr. Marcus Martinez is a family medicine doctor in Hoosick Falls, New York and is affiliated with Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and Dartmouth Hitchcock Putnam Physician group. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Lawrence University and his medical degree from Albany Medical College and has been in practice for 16 years. He is one of four physicians at Twin Rivers Medical, a family practice located in Hoosick Falls that opened in 2017.

Dr. Martinez returned to his home town to practice medicine in 2002. He is the son of long-time family physician Phil Martinez who practiced in Hoosick Falls for 43 years. Dr. Martinez grew up around the practice of family medicine and inherited many of his father's qualities, mainly the importance of being available to the community. Prior to joining Twin Rivers Medical, Dr. Martinez owned and operated a private practice in the same location where his father practiced. A beloved member of the Hoosick Falls community, Dr. Martinez serves as the local high school's medical director and can often be found on the sidelines of football and basketball games supporting the team and deploying his medical expertise when needed.

Dr. Martinez has distinguished himself throughout his career in family medicine. Letters of support for his nomination from patients and colleagues are replete with personal stories and accounts of his many outstanding qualities and acts of leadership and sacrifice. He was among the leading community advocates for testing and monitoring the Hoosick Falls water supply after it was discovered a few years ago that the water had been contaminated by continuous industrial pollution over a long period of time.

Dr. Martinez assumed his father's practice and is renowned in Hoosick Falls for his meticulous attention to detail, his compassion and dedication and his personable approach to patient care. He is a solo practitioner with more than 5,000 patients in his practice. It is well known in his community that Dr. Martinez is suffering from advanced cancer. For the past several years he has not allowed his condition or his treatment to interfere with his care for his patients, even coming in to the office the day after surgery to remove a tumor.

In every respect, Dr. Martinez is the epitome of the community family physician we all aspire to be; whose presence enables confidence, whose skill maintains health, whose compassion sustains hope and whose life inspires admiration. Dr. Martinez is unable to be here today but we hope to present him with the Family Physician of the Year Award at our Regional Family Medicine Conference in September or at the Winer Weekend in January.

#### Excerpts from nominators

#### **Michael Hickey**

Dr. Martinez is the most beloved person in our community due to his passion for helping others. He is not only a family physician but a leader in our community. He was the strongest advocate in the ongoing Hoosick Falls

water contamination in demanding testing and monitoring for our community as a whole. He has done all of this while battling his own cancer never putting himself first. Doctor Martinez was diagnosed with carcinoid cancer in the fall of 2014. Since that time he has undergone chemotherapy and multiple surgeries removing tumors in his lungs, liver and adrenal glands. The most recent surgery being two weeks ago returning to work the next day. I think it's easier for you to hear from the many others in our community who feel the same way I do. He used facebook as a tool to keep our community informed on his condition and also limit rumors about his health condition. The responses speak for themselves.

Priscilla Thompson · Wishing the best Dr. In the world (Marcus Martinez) a very Happy and Healthy birthday today. Love, Hugs, and Prayers coming your way again.

Laurie McCart 20 more pounds and I reach my goal weight.. I want to Thank Marcus Martinez for helping me get healthy

Marcus you have been a friend and classmate with my son for which I am most grateful. You saved my husband's life diagnosing his lung cancer allowing him more years to enjoy. My deepest thoughts and prayers are with in your fight and please know my heart is so very grateful for all you are and all you have done and will continued to do for all who know you. Fondly, Cheryl Labshere.

Cynthia Brewster Please God Take Tender Care Of Our Wonderful Dear Doctor Marcus Martinez today...and keep this wonderful man...who spends his days healing and taking care of others... SAFE AND HEALTHY.

Our HAYC3 Youth Center kids think Doc Martinez is a Super Hero Doctor! We made posters to prove it. Dr. Martinez, you are awesome! Hope you like our surprise

If you need additional confirmation of what we already know feel free to visit his page. You will see more of the same. A community supporting the Doctor they love because he loves and cares for all of them!

Thank you for your consideration!

#### **Maggie Thayne**

There are not enough characters here to explain why Dr. M is the absolute choice for this award. I am the Mom of 3 children and a husband with AS. Dr. Marcus is so attentive, caring, thorough, thoughtful, knowledgeable, available (even on days off), supportive and compassionate. When I lay awake at night and feel overwhelmed with witnessing chronic pain in my kids and husband and worry about if we are doing all we can for them or if we have any question or thoughts to run by him...he is ALWAYS there to listen. He puts his patients above his own cancer fight. I constantly am comforted and content knowing that with him at the heart of our medical world... all will work out. All will be ok. My children often speak of him as you would a close relative or friend. My family and I

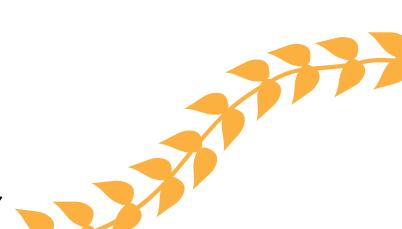
even considered moving with a job relocation, and when making our lists of pros and cons... he was at the top of the list as to why we should not move. And we didn't!!!!! He is so inspirational and amazing. Everyone should be so lucky to experience the care and support he gives.... then they would demand more of their doctors! Dr. Marcus is the best doctor ever...

I think it should be noted that he, himself is fighting cancer. Yet his determination and commitment for his patients has never wavered.

#### Allen Hutcheson

I work with Marcus Martinez as a colleague at Twin Rivers Medical in Hoosick Falls. Prior to 2017, he maintained his own private practice, which he took over from his father Phil Martinez. Marcus is frankly a local hero, known for meticulous, personable, full range solo family practice. He grew up in this town, and knows every family intimately. His patient panel is somewhere near 5,000, but if you see any of them in the office, they will talk about how he was at an elderly patient's home over the weekend, in the hospital with his pediatric patients, or how he guided them away from futile cancer treatments with caring and supportive hour-long conversations. His devotion and his skill are considered to be legendary in this community. Hoosick Falls, of course, is now famous for its PFOA water poisoning, and Marcus has been at the center of the work to uncover and remedy that problem. He has advocated for patients and public health, without getting caught in the sometimes acrimonious debates or attributions of blame.

Crucial to this nomination is the fact, well-known in the community, that Marcus himself is suffering with advanced cancer. In fact, I first worked in Hoosick Falls three years ago in his office, covering his practice while he was getting treatment. Of course, even while out of the office he was always doing telephone and computer and grocery store practice for the many patients who needed him. He has pursued surgical treatments that have enabled him to return to practice full time, but the patients and medical community live in fear that his illness with again prevent him from carrying on the heroic doctoring that he has always done.



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## History of The Academy of Family Physicians in New York State

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Once upon a time, there were only family physicians. All of the people practicing medicine took care of all the illnesses in their areas, often covering great distances making house calls by horseback. However, in the early 1900s, research provided the field of medicine with large amounts of new material, and many new opportunities opened. To many men, there was the need to become very knowledgeable in one area rather than trying for a broad, basic knowledge of the entire person. A natural sequence to this was an assumption made by many medical students that, therefore, a general practitioner was somehow a lesser physician and practiced second-rate medicine.

This attitude was intensified during the years of World War II and many excellent physicians came out of the Armed Services to find that their hospital privileges were sharply curtailed in favor of the other specialists. In addition, subsidies under the G.I. bill enabled many men to return to postgraduate education and residency positions to study for specialization, but no provisions were made for continuing education for the men who were interested in the area of general practice.

Although there had been talk of organizing general practitioners as early as 1934, in December 1940, Medical Economics recommended the formation of an independent organization dedicated to general practice, but nothing had come of the idea. Now a group of general practitioners in California, returning from the war, found their hospital privileges vastly reduced. They banded together under the leadership of Stanley R. Truman, M.D., and formed the General Practitioners Association which was incorporated in May 1946. The purposes of this organization later became those that were incorporated into the American Academy of General Practice.

One of the most important ideas to come from this organization was that membership should not be on a permanent basis, but should be contingent on continued postgraduate study so that membership

would be on a basis of continuing merit, and no one would become an embarrassment to the organization because he had failed to keep up. It also was successful in obtaining hospital privileges for its members based on capability and proved competence, rather than on artificial structure of type of practice.

The success of this organization was related at the section of general practice at the meeting of the AMA in July 1946 in San Francisco. Many of the physicians attending this meeting were discouraged because they found that their hospital privileges everywhere were being taken away only because they were listed as general practitioners. Dr. Truman outlined the purposes of the General Practitioners Association: "To promote and maintain high standards of general practice of medicine and surgery; to encourage and assist in providing postgraduate study for general practitioners of medicine and surgery; to perpetuate the relationship between the family doctor and the patient; and to protect the right of the general practitioner to engage in medical and surgical procedures for which he is qualified by training or experience."

This gave the impetus to the idea for a national organization, and several men took the job of laying the groundwork to organize such a group at the AMA annual meeting in Atlantic City in 1947.

The purposes of the new organization were taken from the General Practitioners Association in California, as was the principle of continued education for maintenance of membership, as was the principle of continued education for maintenance of membership, which was set at one hundred fifty hours every three years. A constitution and by-laws were developed. These were voted on in a meeting on June 10, 1947. The organization was named the American Academy of General Practice, and officers and a board of directors were elected. It was determined that each state would have two delegates so that each would have equal representation in the national organization.



#### State organizations

From this beginning on a national basis, the organization spread out to the states. William Buecheler, M.D., of Syracuse, became the spearhead in New York State, and the New York State chapter was chartered on April 28, 1948, on the basis of a petition dated April 4, 1948, signed by twelve general practitioners in the state. New York was the ninth state to receive its charter. Dr. Buecheler was elected the first president of the organization and served two years in that capacity.

The first state meeting was called for October 1948, at the Hotel Syracuse. An interesting note is that three of the twelve physicians who signed the New York State Charter are still active—Frank Leone, M.D., Jacob Mishkin, M.D., and Morton Spielman, M.D. Dr. Buecheler was also one of the delegates to the American Academy of General Practice, and subsequently he served on the board of directors of the national organization from 1950 to 1053.

County constituent chapters were developed, and by 1950, this phase of the organization of the Academy was completed. During this time, the New York State chapter had influence in the affairs of the American Academy through members who were also national officers. Dr. Buecheler was a member of the board of directors from 1950 to 1953; Floyd C. Bratt, M.D., of Rochester, was on the board of directors from 1956 to 1959, chairman of the board from 1958 to 1959, vice-president from 1959 to 1960, presidentelect from 1960 to 1961, and president from 1961 to 1962. Richard Bellaire, M.D., of Saranac Lake, was on the board of directors from 1965 to 1968. Louis Bush, M.D., of Baldwin, was on the board of directors from 1969 to 1972, and vice-president from 1972 to 1973. In addition, many members of the New York State chapter have served and are now serving on commissions and committees of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

In the fall of 1950, the state office was established. At this time, Raymond S. McKeeby, M.D., who was secretary-treasurer from 1950 until 1963, hunted

for the old records and transferred most of them to the new headquarters office which was established in Binghamton, since this was the area where Dr. McKeeby had his practice. The first secretary hired for this office in 1951, Mrs. Anne Rogers, is still serving, now as an assistant to the executive director. Carl Weber was hired as a field service manager in 1960 and served for about three years. After he left, his position remained vacant until Lawrence Kennedy was chosen by the board of directors as executive director in November 1966.

#### Training program

Meanwhile, Academy members felt that the medical knowledge needed for a physician to deliver quality care on a broad base meant that the medical student had to do something besides graduate, take a year's rotating internship, and then enter the practice of medicine. Together with the AMA, the American Academy formulated a plan for a three-year residency program and establishment of the twentieth specialty in family practice, the American Board of Family Practice. This became a reality in February 1969—a recognition by the medical community that a physician can be a specialist in breadth as well as in depth.

There were several unique features of the American Board of Family Practice as it was approved by the AMA:

- 1. Included on the board were representatives from the other specialties, providing that expertise in each field that the resident's training would cover.
- 2. There was no grandfather clause for those physicians who had been in practice for many years. To qualify as a diplomate, each physician had to take a stiff two-day test and pass.
- 3. Each diplomate must be re-certified by reexamination every six years, thus insuring that these members would keep working to stay on top.



As the specialty was approved, the mechanism for establishment of residency programs was developed. In New York State, the Conklin-Cook law mandating the establishment of family practice programs in state schools was passed on March 25, 1969. Subsequently, residency programs were first started at Deaconess Hospital in Buffalo, Highland Hospital in Rochester, and St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, and have grown from there until there are now fourteen of these programs with 235 residents in the State.

In late 1971, the name of the American Academy of General Practice was changed to the American Academy of Family Physicians since it was felt that the term "family physician" was more descriptive of true function. Today's family physician is being trained to provide continuing, comprehensive care within the context of the family unit. He has training in behavioral sciences and special interest in preventive medicine.

At this same time, it was recognized that many family physicians were old enough so that the desire and/or need to take a certifying examination to become a specialist was not very appealing. And yet, these men and women had been faithful to the principles of postgraduate education for many years, and it was felt that there was a need to recognize their accomplishments. In 1972, the Fellowship of the American Academy of Family Physicians was created for those members who had either passed the new Board examinations or had taken six hundred or more hours of postgraduate study.

Recognizing that students were interested in family practice but that they frequently did not have access to role models, the New York State Academy was one of the first state chapters to establish student affiliate memberships in 1971, and to promote the development of family practice clubs at the medical schools within the State. We now have about eight hundred student affiliate members out of a total

state membership of three thousand physicians. There are now more student members than there were original physician members when the New York State Academy of General Practice was established in 1949, with 729 names on the roster.

#### Conclusion

Recent years saw the need for greater definition of family practice and the family physician, and so for several years, our members, under the leadership of Clement Boccalini, M.D., and with the assistance of the Medical Society of the State of New York delegation to the AMA, were involved in developing such statements. These definitions were finally adopted by the congress of delegates of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians in 1974, and then the American Academy of Family Physicians in October 1975. Thus, as the New York State Academy of Family Physicians holds its twentyeighth annual meeting and scientific convention, we represent the family physician who provides health care in the discipline of family practice. Our training and experience qualify us to practice in the several fields of medicine and surgery. We are educated and trained to develop and bring to bear, in practice, unique attitudes and skills which qualify us to provide continuing, comprehensive health maintenance and medical care to the entire family regardless of sex, age, or type of problem, be it biological, behavioral, or social. We physicians serve as the patient's or family's advocate in all healthrelated matters, including the appropriate use of consultants and community resources. We have defined our practice as comprehensive medical care with particular emphasis on the family unit, in which the physician's continuing responsibility for health care is not limited by the patient's age or sex, nor by a particular organ system or disease entity. Family



practice is the specialty in breadth which builds on a core of knowledge derived from other disciplines, drawing most heavily on internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, and psychiatry, and which establishes a cohesive unit, combining the behavioral sciences with the traditional biological and clinical sciences. The core of knowledge encompassed by the discipline of family practice prepares the family physician for a unique role in patient management, problem-solving, counseling, and as a personal physician who coordinates total health delivery.

And so, in this bicentennial year, we see the New York State Academy of Family Physicians involved in programs to continuously educate its members so that they may properly utilize the vast resources of modern medicine, through appropriate consultations and education in order to continue to benefit the most important people of all, the patients.

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#### 2018 Update

The rich history of the family medicine and the Academy has changed significantly since this history was written 42 years ago. The specialty has continued to evolve and medicine in general has been transformed. Insurance plans have become the dominant force in health care. The insurance model has greatly affected the traditional doctor-patient relationship and has also, in the estimation of some, contributed to the fragmentation of medicine.

Today, NYSAFP represents over 6,000 family physicians and medical students. NY has 38 family

medicine residency programs and four teaching health centers — an innovative teaching model unique to family practice in which residents are trained in community based settings, where primary care occurs.

Within the Academy, NY has become a leading force for change and innovation. NY is among the foremost sponsors of resolutions presented to the AAFP Congress of Delegates each year. NY is also consistently among the most active chapters in supporting AAFP meetings, conferences and initiatives. NY is one of a handful of AAFP chapters to have sent full delegations to the National Conference of Special Constituencies and its successor, the National Conference of Chapter Leaders, since its inception. NY is also among the largest delegations to the annual Family Medicine Advocacy Summit which brings chapter leaders to Washington annually to advocate for family physicians and patients.

With all the change that has occurred in health care and medicine in the past two decades, there has been some consistency in what the Academy represents and what family medicine aspires to. A commitment to continuing professional development and education of family physicians and preservation of the unique and privileged relationship between family physicians and their patients remains the hallmark of the Academy. As we look back on seven decades of progress and growth we can look ahead, as well, with pride in what has been accomplished and confidence that the Academy and Family Physicians will remain forces in the ongoing effort to assure that patients have unfettered access to the most current health care available from the most competent and committed physicians in medicine.

The Saratoga County Chapter congratulates Marc Price, DO on his installation as president of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians!

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# Past Presidents Memoirs



George Hart, MD 1970-1971



Norman Loomis, MD 1976-1977

Probably the biggest issue of my time was the recognition of the Family Doctor as a specialist. The internists were our enemy and blocked all efforts to equalize

fee schedules. Our watch word was "equal pay for equal service." Workers Comp was the last to equalize.

Hospital privileges were denied many FP's and GP's, and consumed great efforts over a period of years. We seriously threatened legal action on our part. This is a moot question in most hospitals today.

I can go on but the bottom line is that good things that happened on my watch were because of the dedicated hard work of members and officers of the Academy.

We also felt we were the most efficient specialty and rebelled at being referred to as "providers."

Probably the best fringe benefit of our past presidents was we were tapped to provide services in the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. That was thanks to Past President George Hart.

I did feel that I was instrumental in developing rapprochement with the Society of Internal Medicine and better acceptance of some of the other specialties.

As far as medicine is concerned today, the evolution and power of systems and its administrators are a major driver of health care costs. We doctors have been downgraded to functionaries. The imposition of computerization; to the detriment of patient care, has resulted in the depersonalization of medicine. Its evolution should have been optional, rather than as a requirement to

make auditing by government and health insurers easier. Computerization should have evolved.

With some bad things happening, medicine is still the best profession. Graduates of medical school should go into the specialty of medicine that is most attractive to them. Primary care types don't make as much money, but I believe, get the most positive feedback over a period of time.

I loved being important in peoples' lives, and derived an immense amount of personal and professional satisfaction as a result. I still get great feedback from some of the old patients that I meet.

Following is something I did for the Monroe Plan in the late ninety's. It demonstrated that at that time Usual and Customary Fees would have saved the Finger Lakes area over a million dollars in 1996 dollars. It did make a cognitive effect upon the state government, and was subsequently quoted copiously, but I can't say I can remember any concrete changes. This methodology might be utilized in your efforts to compare health care costs today.



Charles Aswad, MD 1980-1981



Margery Smith, MD 1984-1985

#### Richard Sadovsky MD 1987-1988

I am happy to have a chance to say "hello" to all. My interactions as a member and officer of the NYSAFP occurred at a very formative time. I was active through the 1970s and 80s, participating in all committees and, with the help of the Academy, sponsored "Family Practice Day" for several years running at SUNY Downstate to introduce New Yorkj City medical students to our specialty. I was nominated by our state organization to the Board of the AAFP Foundation where I spent several years as treasurer. I helped initiate Foundation funding of member and student research and the development of multiple state-based family medicine foundations. The Family Physicians of the 70s were a bold and fun bunch! They sang together, drank together, and trail-blazed for us

all. My memories of them are very vivid!

I remain active on the faculty at SUNY-Downstate working to enhance primary care education service lines. Our department is poised to expand into major affiliations that will improve health in our surrounding community. My personal goals in this effort include helping to evolve our health care delivery into a "high value" service line that is community based and patient friendly. Additionally, I continue my most satisfying teaching obligation for medical students and residents and have recently added the concept of "presence" into my lexicon. I have learned over the years that everything we do for and with patients is enhanced by our "being present" with the patient during encounters and, especially, during times of illness and stress.

Outside of Downstate, I am involved in several interesting projects in NYC that evolve around 1) encouraging legal review of medical care errors to be fairer to physicians, and 2) developing better ways to help clinicians stay up to date with new evidence based information and working with guidelines development. My work in sexual health continues and I remain convinced that discussing sexual function and relationship issues with patients can help encourage a strong bond between us and our patients.

Enjoying New York City continues to be a high priority and I enjoy all the city offers. Expensive restaurants may be a bit too much for me, but theater, educational events, and just seeing all the people in the street still stimulate me. Traveling is an important hobby and a stay in southwest England later in August is this year's entertainment.

Reflecting on a career in Family Medicine brings a lot of happiness. There are many stories, many successes and many challenges that make life very full. Relationships have always been important to me and my interactions with patients, colleagues, friends, and even casual acquaintances are enjoyable and allow me to continue my "observations" of people and how we function. I have postpones multiple times starting to write a book about how different people spend their time and how we are influenced by the people around us. I guess I am waiting until I retire.

I salute the NYSAFP as I remain active in my medical school Alumni Association and in the student-run Brooklyn Free Clinic run by our medical students. Becoming a Family Physician is a gift that I am eager to share. Volunteerism has always been a part of my life and I continue both with community outreach projects as well as regularly supervising the student uninsured efforts to provide care. I wish the FPs of New York State, and especially those who help their associates and the New York State population by working on NYSAFP initiatives success, happiness, and long life. I am available to help as needed!

#### C. Parker Long, MD 1988-1989

Greetings to the NYSAFP on their 70th anniversary. I have had very little contact with your organization in recent years. My last time was for your 60th anniversary

meeting which I was privileged to attend and renew contact with old friends.

My membership with the NYSAFP was a high point in my years of practice

My presidency was 1988-89—seems like the last century—I guess it was. The problems are probably not the same ones you are dealing with now but I am sure they are just as important and are being dealt with. I remember our trips to Albany to talk with legislators about issues, concern about independent practice for nurse practitioners, and other issues. The current need is great where I live for more Family Physicians. Many of our neighbors have no physician and depend on Nurse Practitioners for their primary care.

I currently live in a senior living complex where all out needs are taken care off. When we get to the point we need assisted living, it is available, when we need memory care it is available. Fortunately, I can remain active in the independent living area.

Our complex has quite a few Physician retirees and an active "Journal Club".

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you and reflect on all the great memories from years ago.

And... from Bob Ostrander

My parents who both worked at Thompson Hospital where he admitted admired him greatly. I spent clerkship time with him as a student and learned a lot about style and grace, as well as a lot of medicine. He was President my second year and he and Dr. Lois Brennan who was Board Chair about the same time impelled my involvement. In those days the installation dinner was just for VIPs, and I remember watching his son's Jeff's kids at our "cheap hotel" in Saratoga while he attended the installation.

#### Elise Korman, MD 1989-1990

If you are a lousy lawyer, you get \$500 an hour. If you are a great doctor, you don't." We had a lot of trouble with Worker's Compensation. I never did a lot

of Worker's Comp, so I wasn't overly involved.

The NYS Academy was started by a doctor in Binghamton, which is why our offices were in Binghamton. He kept a lot of records in his basement which flooded and many records were lost. Dr. (Lester) Garra was the first Black president of the NYS chapter. He was very early on. And of course, Dr. Floyd Bratt, who was an early president of the NYS Academy and then went on to be president of the National. President of National was a very political office. Is it still that way?

When Harry Metcalf ran, those men in power at the time; Herb Joyce (Harry's partner in Buffalo) and Dr. Aswad and Dr. Bruckheim, they had every vote counted, who was going to vote for Harry. It was an amazing thing to see how well orchestrated it was. If it's still like that, it's bad.



#### Denis Chagnon, MD 1994-1995

I was privileged to have served as the President of the NYSAFP from 1994 to 1995 It was indeed one of the highlights of my professional career, with many

wonderful memories. In the early day, my interest in the NYSAFP was mostly as an observer, watching my friend and partner Bruce Bagley in his activity not only on the State but also on a National level. Bruce convinced me (with a little help from Tom Wolff and Charles Aswad) to become involved on a State Level. These three mentors took me under their wings and pushed me from behind into positions of Leadership, and eventually got me elected President.

My perhaps greatest accomplishment was in being on the Board and Search Committees involved in hiring a new Executive Director for the State Academy. We had a great group, and eventually waded thru the several dozens of fine applicants and were wise enough to choose Vito Grasso to fill the position. After we brought Vito on board, "the rest is history..." as they say!

It was not long afterwards that we moved the Academy office from its original home in Binghamton to the Albany Capital District where it has flourished under Vito's leadership, and became very involved in the mechanics of State government as it applies to Medicine in general, and Family Practice in particular.

More importantly, Vito, Susan and his beautiful daughters Caroline and Becky became a very special part of the lives of my wife Brita and me. The Bagleys and Grassos continue as some of our closest and most special friends, and I have the NYSAFP to thank for that. I have also made many life-long friends and been able to travel not only around this magnificent state but also around the country wining and dining and talking medical politics with the likes of Parker Long, Elise Korman, Rich Bonanno, Scott Kirsch, Mark Josefski, Marianne LaBarbera, Jun David and several others, with my wonderful, patient, and understanding wife Brita often at my side.

The year went by quickly - almost in a blur. If I had to outline my proudest accomplishment as President, it is the work that I did following on the heels of excellent groundwork done by Norm Loomis relating to Worker's Compensation reimbursement for Family Physicians in New York State. I followed Norm on the Interspecialty Committee of the MSSNY (NYS Medical Society) and was able to change the Reimbursement formula for Compensation visits. Our state academy convinced the Worker's Comp Board that a Board-Certified Family Physician should be reimbursed at the Specialist rate rather than the Generalist rate when treating within the scope of his or her practice.

As I look back many years later, I have to thank the NYSAFP for not only making me a better physician, but also a better person. On this very special 70th Anniversary of our State Academy, I also take pride watching as Tochi Iroku-Malize runs for an AAFP Board position, and especially as my good friend and former partner in practice Dr. Marc Price is installed as President in this very special year.

#### Richard Bonanno, MD 1995-1996

Much of my career has been involved in medical education of Family Medicine residents. That has always been an interest of mine throughout my involvement

with the Academy. The Academy activities during my presidency were much more diverse. The greatest enjoyment and satisfaction for me was meeting the great Family Medicine leaders from other parts of the country in traveling to other states, traveling to Washington, DC, meeting with legislators. The enthusiasm and the advocacy that all of these medical leaders in Family Medicine had for their specialty of FM. I think a memorable moment for me as far as advocacy was being in Washington with a group of AAFP leaders and talking to legislators and trying to convince them of the kind of work we do and why it's special in the field of medicine.

From a personal standpoint, I remember giving a presidential speech at the beginning of my presidency and having my parents there. They loved it and I enjoyed having them there,

My advice to Family Physicians in the future is to hold onto our core values in the midst of a medical system that is changing very dramatically. We are clearly losing our place in certain areas of medicine in certain parts of the country but the core values of serving patients and advocating for patients' important needs is really what I would like you all to keep and not get discouraged by some of the things that are going on in medicine that are not so pleasing to Family Physicians.



Alessandro Bertoni, MD 1996-1997



This is Neil Calman. I was president of the Academy from 1997-98, just around the time of the 50th anniversary of the Academy. There were many

changes taking place. We had just moved to Albany. Vito Grasso had just come on board. We were in the process of restructuring the Academy. We had just reduced the number of commissions from more than a dozen down to five, so that they could meet more often and have a more powerful agenda in making recommendations to the Academy board and then seeing them implemented through the action of the Congress of Delegates.

It was a lot different then in Family Medicine. In 1974 I decided to become a Family Physician and that was a decision I never regretted for a day of my life. It's been an adventure, all the way through. I have been supported by the incredible people who came before me in the Academy and by the people who continue to lead it, many of whom I am proud to say are graduates or faculty of the Institute for Family Health.

It's a wonderful time for Family Medicine. Primary care has come of its own and Family Medicine plays a leadership position in the world of primary care. I believe this is the 8th or 9th year running where Family Doctors are the most sought after specialists in the entire health care environment and recruiting has taken such a position now that people are being paid so much that it's hard for us to maintain our own graduates in our programs. So I guess that's the good news and the bad news.

We are continuing to develop Family Medicine as the place to be in so many ways, in dealing with social determinants of health, in dealing with the impact of racism and inequality in our society, in dealing with the need for universal healthcare, in promoting and advocating for women's health issues – in so many, so many areas, Family Medicine is playing a leadership role in primary care and primary care is playing a leadership role in the evolution of medicine in this country.

I am proud to be a Family Physician. I am proud to have an opportunity to greet you on the 70th anniversary of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians. I'm sure we have many, many exciting and interesting and difficult years ahead for our specialty and for medicine in this country. But if there is anybody that can do it, it is us. Have a great convention.



#### Scott D. Kirsch, MD 2001-2002

I never thought I would eventually become President of the NYSAFP. I joined the AAFP/NYSAFP in 1980, shortly after returning to NY. At that time Allan Bruckheim was the Director of the Family Practice Residency Program at South Nassau Communities hospital and I was his Assistant Director. He was also President of the NYSAFP that year. I remember him insisting that I attend the Annual Congress of Delegates, which was usually held at Kutsher's. I didn't understand almost anything about the structure of the organization, the people involved, or the issues being discussed. However, everyone seemed a lot smarter than me. By attending many meetings, listening carefully, and speaking little I got a sense of the issues and personalities involved. Eventually I served on many commissions and am proudest of my work with the Commission on Legislation and Governmental Affairs.

Dr. Martin Panzer, a wonderful human being and mentor, got me involved in the Nassau County chapter. I was thrilled to be asked, and I eventually served as President for many years. As the years went on I gained in confidence and knowledge and had the opportunity to learn from some incredibly bright and wonderful people. Aside from Drs. Bruckheim and Panzer, I must mention Mel Rosen, Charles Aswad, Tom Wolff, John Desimone, Elise Korman, Bruce Bagley, Denis Chagnon, Rennie Golden, Alice Fruehan, Rich Bonanno, and most of the other presidents of our academy over the last 30 years.

Unfortunately, many of these great men and women are no longer with us, but I know they believe the academy is well served. So, after uncountable trips to Binghamton and Albany (I will leave out details of "interesting" winter trips) I felt very much an integral part with something constructive to say.

How did I get to be President? It was at our Congress of Delegates banquet (when chicken was served at every meal) when Neil Calman said, "So Scott, when are you running for president?" I hadn't really thought about it, but no one turns Neil down. And the rest is history. I am most proud of my mother being able to attend my installation. If it were not for her support, encouragement and giving me her values, I would not have been able to accomplish what I've done.

My presidential year was a continuation of advocating for our constituency and attempting to convince our state government to provide excellent quality health care to its citizens of all means. If I helped to make one person's life better I have been successful.

In addition to serving as President, I also had the high honor of representing our State Academy as a Delegate at the AAFP Annual Congress of Delegates for 7 years.

What is hard for me to believe now is that there is a whole group of younger active members, some who have gone on to be President themselves, who actually believe I am one of the wise old men.

My profound thanks to the City and State of NY for providing me with a first-rate college and medical education which would have otherwise been impossible for me to afford.

May the New York State Academy continue its good work and may it always be on the side of the angels.



Henry Francis, MD 2003-2004



Andrew Merrit, MD 2004-2005

Major achievement during my presidency was the beginning to talk to regulators. We planted the idea that sharing medication lists with doctors

would be helpful. Although regulators refused to share Medicaid information with us at that time it has evolved to the point where we have ISTOP at present.

My advice to young physicians is to do what you like. Try to maintain control over your work life and your private life. Consider not to be part of a big group but think of the advantages you can have by working in a small group with a good team.



Marianne LaBarbera, MD 2005-2006

My association with the NYSAFP has been and is one of the great joys of my professional career. It is where I made the acquaintance of many mentors and

wonderful friends. I have many memories of New York State conferences and events, meeting and learning from colleagues all over the country, having the privilege of representing the physicians of New York State in our home state and at national events. I am particularly thankful to my dear friend, Dr Guido DiBenedetto who never gave up inviting me to NYSAFP events until I finally went. And to Dr. Denis Chagnon who extended his counsel and friendship to me as a new physician and inspired me to develop my leadership skills.

Advice for young Family Physicians:

Get involved in our Academy! Not only will it enhance your life professionally; you will meet incredible people who will become lifetime friends Take time to surround yourself with like-minded people-docs whose sole focus is family medicine; this will recharge your batteries when you are at home and will help to sustain and inspire you during your day to day busy life.



George Dunn, MD 2007-2008



Jose 'Jun' David, MD 2008-2009

My name is Jun David and I was president from 2008 to 2009. During my term we advocated and got a bill passed for a program called Doctors Across New

York where they fund physicians who would go into remote areas which need physicians, and pay for the student loans for as much as \$35,000 per year. This program is still ongoing as of today.

When I was inaugurated in 2008, I was honored by 26 past presidents and we created this book as a commemorative program for our Academy. Having them present made me feel so proud to be president of the Academy.

I would advise future Family Physicians to stay involved in organized medicine through the Academy, through their medical society, through the AMA; mainly because things change and you don't want Family Physicians to be left out when they make decisions. We need to make sure that we are always involved in providing access and health care for all.

# Mark Krotowski, MD 2009-2010

My earliest involvement in our Academy dates back to 1977-78 when I was invited as a resident to attend a Board Meeting in Binghamton, our first headquarters. Board

meetings were a 2 day event back then starting on Saturday and continuing Sunday morning. Some of our past presidents were so passionate and eloquent about the issues of the day. I learned so much from those physicians.

The Academy eventually relocated to Albany once we became more involved with the political process and advocacy functions for our members.

In the 80s our COD and CME Meetings were held together usually in the Catskills at Kutsher's Hotel. Our physician members were young and brought their family and children along to enjoy the event. We even had a professional circus performing at one of the meetings.

The birth of the Winter Weekend in Lake Placid under the guidance of Dr. Dennis Chagnon eventually became our Annual Scientific CME Program. The weekend also opened up the opportunity for medical students and residents to come and meet their peers and practicing family physicians. The Scientific Program eventually gave birth to the Research Forum where residents and medical students present research projects they have been working on.

During my presidency I am happy that I had the opportunity to meet with several residency programs and chapters. There were several trips on Amtrak to Albany when politicians asked for our opinions and expertise on various medical issues of the day. I had a lot of fun being President and attending meetings and representing our Academy members. It was a very good year.

Today I look back at how much we have matured and evolved as an Academy fighting many political and insurance company battles to protect our patients, members and our specialty. I look back at all of my wonderful colleagues who worked with me to make the Academy what it is today.

(A personal highlight of your year as president.) The swearing in ceremony. I remember that year, there were hundreds of people in the audience, none of whom I really knew. It was quite a celebration. It was a lovely evening. I had my staff there. My family was there. I had my wife and daughter. It was a wonderful evening at the Desmond Hotel in Albany.

(Was there an advocacy moment you are particularly proud of?) I always enjoyed going to Albany to lobby for our Family Physicians. There was one bill that had a hard time getting passed. First responders responding to patients that are sick or may be bleeding and they weren't allowed to get HIV testing on these patients unless the patient agreed. We felt that was not a good thing for the first responders who had to know if they had been exposed to any patients with AIDS. We finally got legislation passed so that blood could be drawn from the patients to determine if they were HIV positive.

Happy Birthday New York State Academy of Family Physicians.



James Greenwald, MD 2010-2011



Neil Nepola, MD 2011-2012



Phil Kaplan, MD 2012-2013

Ray Ebarb, MD 2013-2014 Words of Wisdom: Ke

Words of Wisdom: Keep our eyes on the prize. With all the distraction of medicine today, the prize is service to our patients.

My most memorable experience as

President is a meeting with a Vice Dean of Columbia Medical School with a crowd of Columbia Med Students & NYSAFP representatives to try to start a movement in Columbia Med School toward a Family Medicine Department. In addition, memorable also was a face-to-face meeting w Dr Goldman, Dean of the medical school.

Advice to young physicians: Treat your patients as your family, after all, it is a Family Medicine Practice.

My mentor is Dr Richard Bonanno, a major influence in my participation with the Academy. Dr Elise Korman was also a driving force for me.

I took the long way on my path to the Presidency. After serving on the Board & 2 years as Speaker, I took a 5 year hiatus from leadership. Then when I returned, I started over again. I serve as a Board member again, and then kept on going.

Accomplishments would include putting the name of the NYSAFP on the lips of people who never paid us any mind prior. These would include the Orphan Medical Schools in NYC.

The biggest issue of my time as President involved independent practice for Nurse Practitioners.

Personal Note: When I ponder over the years and

innumerable hours I have worked with the NYSAFP, I know that it was & continues to be worth every minute. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to have served such a noble organization. I have nothing but high praise for the members , leadership and staff of the Academy for the years of dedication. I have come to think of many in the organization as family. My sons grew up with the Academy, terrorizing the hotel lobbies. It was only fit proper that they stood up in front of their "family away from home" at my outgoing ceremony to roast their dad. I have no doubt that the incoming leadership will continue to vitalize the Academy in the quest to bring Family Medicine to every patient in NYS.

Mark Josefski, MD 2014-2015

There were several (memorable advocacy moments). I would say one was our work with the Health Committees, both the Senate and

the Assembly, where we partnered with the Society of Infectious Disease to prevent a really incredible law from going forward that would have exempted certain doctors who were misusing their privilege and overprescribing antibiotics. This law would have allowed them to not be challenged or sanctioned by OPMC. This was bizarre because it would have taken away patients' rights to challenge physician decision making in really this one individual case. We were able to get the legislators to see the problems inherent in that which they, amazingly, had not seemed to notice before we got involved. We got an award for that for Chapter Advocacy at the state level and Marc Price and I were privileged to be able to go to New Orleans and accept the award.

I have had several (memorable personal moments) and this is another advocacy moment. Testifying for the New York Health (legislation) in front of the Committee of Assemblyman Dick Gottfried of the Health Committee and advocating for single payer in NY. The questions were challenging but it was really quite an honor and a privilege to represent the 6,000 doctors and medical students of NYS in advocating for this critically important issue that we have had at the top of our agenda for many years. It's nice now that in 2018 we are sort of looking at a finish line and seeing if we can reach it.

(Advice to young Family Physicians) What I would say is follow your heart and if you are thinking of your patients first, you will probably do the right thing.

Tochi Iroku-Malize, MD 2015-2016

I was past president 2015-16.

Most memorable advocacy moment so far has been the movement of our antihydro fracking resolution from our COD to

legislature in NY state as well as our resolution on the iSTOP law being applicable to the VA for better care of our veterans - this was taken to the national COD where I gave testimony and just recently became legislated.

My most memorable personal moments have been watching my children grow up within the academy year after year- my oldest attending his first meeting at 6 months of age will be attending college this fall. And my family being present for my installation as well as my end of term ceremony.

My recommendation to Future family physicians and leaders - do not let anyone deter nor define you - if you believe in your calling - go for it. Family Medicine is here to stay.

Tochi Iroku-Malize MD MPH MBA Chair & Professor Family Medicine Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell Northwell Health

Robert J. Ostrander, MD 2016-2017

I do not think our accomplishments as an Academy my year or any other year are mostly individual landmark achievements. Rather we are a steady force pushing things in the right direction countering so many

forces driving things off course. When I was president, I hope some of my insights shaped this. I am proud of bringing our commission structure back into compliance with the bylaws and balancing commissions between town and gown, upstate and downstate, rural and urban, private and employed physicians.

My advice to young physicians is to remember that the best, most important, and most meaningful thing we do is what happens when we are alone in the exam room with our patients. Immerse youselves fully in these minutes and close out all the nonsense being imposed on us. My advice to the Academy is to work hard and make it a focus, so that our members do not lose this.

On a personal note, as for most of us, my biggest joy is my family. I am lucky to be good friends with my adult children, and they and we are lucky that we love being together-work and play. You see, my son is my partner in practice, his wife a respiratory therapist at our hospital, one daughter an ICU nurse at our hospital and the other in nursing school. My other son works in healthcare policy, and we learn from each other, especially me from him.

On a lighter note, for years, Maribeth and I have tapped the maple trees around our house and made maple syrup to get an early start on spring. We enjoy sharing it with family and friends as much as on our French Toast.



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# Allan A Berger, MD 1926-2017

Allan A., M.D., on February 14, 2017. Beloved husband of Cynthia. Loving father of Daniel and Melissa, Andrew, Donald and Heidi, Claudia and Sheldon, and Adam and Margaret. Cherished grandfather of Zachary, Ethan, Olivia, Alexandra, Sarah, Anna, Randy, Gabe, Amy, Aaron, Samuel, and Isaac.



# Gentil Clark, MD 1957-2017

Clark was born on June 17, 1957 and passed away on Monday, October 9, 2017 at the age of 60. Loving husband of Susan. Devoted father of Matthew,

Amanda, and Luke.

From a patient: Dr. Gentil had been my physician for the last 15 years. Always very caring and easy to talk to, he was a good friend as I did consider him to me. It is a great shock to me that he left us so early. My prayers go out to his wife and family. I will truly miss my doctor and friend. Rest in peace and I know God is with you.

From a colleague: I only recently became aware of Clark's passing from one of his former patients. When I practiced in the Huntington area, I knew him to be a good family physician with a kind disposition, trusted by his patients. He was a true colleague in every sense of the word. The medical community has lost a competent and compassionate doctor.



# David V. Clough, MD 1931-2017

David V. Clough died peacefully on December 2, surrounded by his loving family.

David Clough was born in Laramie, Wyoming in 1931 to Wilson and Laura (Bowman) Clough. He grew up in Wyoming and enjoyed the wide-open spaces. He completed an undergraduate

wide-open spaces. He completed an undergraduate degree in Zoology at the University of Wyoming. He combined his interest in science with a desire to work with people through his study of medicine at the University of Rochester. He met his wife, Ann Lee Vonderahe, when she was attending nursing school in Rochester, NY.

They were married in December of 1957. The newly married couple then traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah where David completed his rotating internship followed by a general practice residency at the University of Colorado in Denver. His first two children, Edward and Matthew, were born during that time. The family then moved to Bangor, Maine where Dr. Clough served as captain in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Air Force for two years. In 1963, the Cloughs moved to Gloversville (Ann Lee's hometown) where Dr. Clough established a private practice. Over the next few years, the couple had three more children, daughters, Sarah, Jean and Martha.

In addition to maintaining a private family practice, Dr. Clough served as Nathan Littauer Hospital's chief of medicine, vice chief of staff, and chief of staff. Dr. Clough was involved with the Hamilton County Rural Task Force and established and directed a medical clinic in Wells from 1978 to 1990. He was active in recruiting family practitioners to this area.

Dr. Clough developed a special area of expertise in the treatment of respiratory illnesses and was responsible for establishing and operating Littauer's Respiratory Care Department. He was also instrumental in the development of an asthma camp which evolved into Camp SuperStarrs, a summer day camp for children with chronic breathing disorders, cystic fibrosis and diabetes. In 1989, David Clough was named Family Physician of the Year by the New York State Academy of Family Physicians. At that time the academy reported, "He has continued to be a caring, dedicated, outstanding family physician who has given his personal and professional life to his community, his colleagues and his students." In 1992, he was also named one of the most influential physicians in New York State. Following his departure from his private family practice, he served as the medical director of Nathan Littauer Hospital. After retirement, he remained active as a medical consultant and counselor for the Family Counseling Center and Fulton County Addiction Services.

David Clough was active in the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Gloversville where he served as president on two occasions and was a regular in the church choir. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Ambulance Service of Fulton County as well as a member of the Gloversville Human Rights committee. He was one of three local representatives from Gloversville to march on Selma in 1965.

David and his family have enjoyed camping, hiking and various adventures along with singing and good times together. From the song written to celebrate his 85th birthday: "Hey now, David Clough, We think you're mighty keen! You're thoughtful and compassionate, and in your eyes a gleam! A legacy of love and life and kindness all day long, We celebrate your 85 years and toast you now in song!"

David is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ann Lee; his sons, Ed and Matt; daughters, Sarah (Don Bleier), Jean (Anne Kelly), Martha (Jason Sweet) and grandchildren, Zakariah Davila, Mattie Ann Clough, Max and Ava Barker.



### Storer William Emmett, MD 1932-2017

Dr. Storer William Emmett, MD was born on Sept. 9, 1932, in Crystal, Maine, a son of the late Stora and Elva Main Emmett. On Sept. 1, 1956, in Old Town, Maine, he married Wilma

Monroe, who survives.

When he was still a young boy, the family moved to Old Town, where Storer became very active in community and church life. Storer was saved at a young age and felt God's call to medical missions as a teen. With this focus in mind, he worked toward attending a good medical school, and was accepted to Johns Hopkins in 1954, following his bachelor degree work at the University of Maine.

After completing advanced training in medicine and surgery, Storer and Wilma, along with their daughter, Bethany, left on their first missionary voyage to work at a mission hospital in Southern Rhodesia during the fall of 1960. Dr. Emmett also served as a medical officer for the government of Southern Rhodesia. Soon after arriving in Rhodesia, Storer was ordained by the Reformed Baptist Alliance of Canada to enhance his opportunities to administer to not only physical needs, but also spiritual needs.

Dr. Emmett journeyed next to Houghton where he spent 13 years as a family practitioner with the Northern Allegany Medical Group. During this time he also served as the physician for Houghton College; always having a heart for missions. Storer, soon after arriving, established the Houghton medical and dental team returning to serve the people of rural Haiti on short term mission trips. Dr. Emmett was also a member of the Houghton Wesleyan Church.

In 1988, Storer and Wilma traveled to Sierra Leone on their third missionary journey. Dr. Emmett worked at the Kamakwie Hospital and ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of the people there for three years.

Storer's final missionary journey as a full time worker for Wesleyan World Missions was to Zambia, near Victoria Falls, coming almost full circle to where he began his medical mission work.

During retirement, Dr. and Mrs. Emmett spent several months at a time serving in Haiti, Zambia or Sierra Leone as needed. Storer also became the director of the Wesleyan Medical Fellowship to encourage and increase awareness of medical missions.

One of Dr. Emmett's great loves was gardening. He had a garden and planted a tree everywhere he lived. Storer loved the beauty (despite his color blindness) and creative expression afforded by the hobby. This past summer saw hours of enjoyment of his flower garden at his new and final home in Cooperstown.

# Samuel Garson, MD 1913-2017



# Criss Kidder Jr., MD 1934-2018

Dr. Criss Kidder Jr., was a family physician for 32 years in North Syracuse, NY. Criss graduated from North Syracuse High School in 1952,

Syracuse University in 1956 and New York Medical College in 1961. Following his retirement in 1996, he worked as a physician on the American Hawaiian Cruise Lines, which traveled among the Hawaiian Islands. An avid pilot and aviation enthusiast, Criss was past president of the Civil Aviation Medical Society. He loved classical piano and Broadway musicals. A born adventurer, Criss hitchhiked, between the ages of 10 to 23, in all 48 continental states. During his life, he flew cross country several

times in his 172 Cessna and Waco UPF7. His family is Nancy Slinde Kidder of Anahola, Hawaii; Noe Kidder of Chicago, Illinois; Leilani Kidder of Sunderland, Massachusetts; and sister, Shirley Ransom, of Holland Patent, New York.

# Anthony R Mascia, MD 1915-2017



# John F. Salimbene, MD 1931-2017

Dr. John F. Salimbene, a longtime Scarsdale family physician, died Sunday, Dec. 4,2017 at his home. He was 85. Salimbene was killed in

a fire at the Boulevard residence, where he also had his medical offices. His wife of 60 years, Marie, was seriously injured during the blaze. The couple worked together professionally to serve the community for more than 55 years.

He was an USAF veteran and had served as a flight surgeon for four years at various bases, finally settling in at SAC Base in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The son of Italian immigrants Vincent and Frances Salimbene, he lived in the Throgs Neck area of the Bronx and attended Fordham Prep and Fordham University.

He attended the University of Rome Medical School and later began a residency at Flushing Hospital in Queens before moving to Scarsdale where he built a family practice.

Salimbene spent decades as the Tuckahoe Police Department's doctor. He also worked at St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains and at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville. He treated the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and the Sisters Of Life. A deeply religious man, Salimbene loved the Christmas holidays and always decorated his home with bright lights and a crèche, his family said. Salimbene's family said he was beloved by his patients, many of whom considered him a confidant and a personal friend. He is also survived by seven children: John Jr, Rita, Deborah, Jennifer, Bernadette, Frances, and Michael; 12 grandchildren: Ann, Emily, John III, David, Adriana, Daniel, Ashley, Melissa, Jessica, Michael, Luke, Hannah; and three great-grandchildren: Johnathan, Chance and Eddie.



# Tracy Sin-Yee Tam, DO 1984-2017

We lost Dr. Tracy Tam on June 30, 2017. Dr. Tam had established a reputation for being caring and conscientious in a way

that those around her found remarkable. Friends, neighbors and past and present supervisors describe Dr. Tam as a selfless, hardworking and dedicated physician.

Dr. Tam had only recently completed her training at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York and was in her first job as a Family Physician. She was described by a friend and colleague who worked closely with her as "sincere and kindhearted with a lightness of spirit guided by her laser focus to serve and help others."

We have heard from others who knew and worked with Dr. Tam. Their praise and admiration for her is consistent and uniform. She was, by all accounts, a wonderful young woman, a competent and compassionate physician with a vibrant young life. What a horrible loss for her family, her friends, her colleagues, her patients and the communities wherein she lived, practiced and shared her passion for Family Medicine.

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# 2018

July 28-29 Summer Cluster, Hilton Garden Inn, Clifton Park

**September 15** Capital Region Family Medicine at Siena College

# 2019

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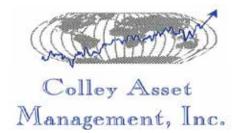
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This Commission develops educational programs for Academy members. It oversees production of the annual Winter Weekend & Scientific Assembly and the Regional Family Medicine Conference. It also manages the Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) course and reviews proposals for educational programs and collaborations. This Commission serves as the selection committee for student and resident awards, research externships and the Family Medicine Educator of the year Award.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

This Commission supports leadership training for members and serves as the nominations committee for selection of candidates for Academy offices. It also develops and presents leadership training for residents at the Congress of Delegates.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

This Commission is responsible for recruiting and retaining members and making recommendations for member benefits. It also coordinates panning for the Congress of Delegates and oversees the Academy website.

#### **OPERATIONS**

This Commission is responsible for all Academy operations including preparation of the annual budget, financial management, personnel, headquarters operation, leases, contracts and bylaws.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

This Commission is responsible for education of the public regarding health, policy development to promote public health initiatives and increasing access to care for special needs populations such as the aged, children and those in underserved areas.

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