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### **Seven Ohio Family Physicians Receive AAFP Degree of Fellow**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Seven members of Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) achieved the degree of fellow of American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).

The degree was conferred to more than 240 family physicians during convocation on Oct. 17 in conjunction with AAFP's annual meeting in Boston.

The following OAFP members received the AAFP degree of fellow:

- Sal A. D'Allura, D.O. – New Bremen, Ohio (45869)
- Susan A. Jekielek, M.D. – Stow, Ohio (44224)
- Scott A. Kaple, D.O. – Norwalk, Ohio (44857)
- Renee L. Markovich, M.D. – Akron, Ohio (44307)
- Amy D. Murnen, M.D., – Mount Vernon, Ohio (43050)
- Jay H. Shubrook, Jr., D.O., – Athens, Ohio (45701)
- Lisa N. Weiss, M.D. – Canfield, Ohio (44406)

Established in 1971, the AAFP degree of fellow recognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves through service to family medicine and ongoing professional development. This year's fellowship class brings the total number of AAFP fellows to more than 29,000 nationwide. AAFP fellowship entitles the physician to use the honorary designation, "Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians," or "F.A.A.F.P."

Criteria for receiving the AAFP degree of fellow consist of having a minimum of six years membership in the organization, extensive continuing medical education, participated in public service programs outside of medical practice, conducted original research and served as a teacher in family medicine.

*AAFP is the national medical association representing more than 94,600 family physicians, residents and medical students. AAFP was the first national medical specialty organization to require its members to complete a minimum of 150 credits of continuing medical education every three years.*

*Ohio Academy of Family Physicians is a statewide, professional association with more than 4,400 members, including practicing physicians, family medicine residents and medical students. The scope of family medicine encompasses all ages, both sexes and every disease entity. Family physicians provide comprehensive, continuing care to all members of the family. For more information, visit [www.ohioafp.org](http://www.ohioafp.org).*