



Missouri Academy Advocacy Day 2023

Be the voice of Missouri Family Physicians by participating in Advocacy Day on February 13-14, 2023. This year's event will be hosted at the Courtyard Marriott in Jefferson City.

There will be a detailed legislative briefing on Monday, February 13 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. This session will also be live-streamed via Zoom for those who register for that option. Tuesday, February 14 will include appointments with your legislators. Advocacy Day is an excellent opportunity for residents and students to engage on issues important to them.

We are here to help and will work with you to ensure your voice is heard at the Capitol! MAFP will schedule the legislative appointments for you as needed.

View the full schedule and register on our [website](#).

2023 Virtual CME Series Registration

Registration for the 2023 Virtual CME series is open. Register for all four sessions at once to receive a discount. Sessions will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm each date offering 2 CME Credits for a total of 8.0 credits.

Dates and topics include:

- February 23 – OB/GYN and Maternal Health
- March 23 – Men's Health
- April 27 – Adolescent Care
- May 25 – Nutrition and Obesity

[Learn More](#)

Register Now

If you're interested in presenting a session, submit the call for presentations to Bill Plank (billplank@mo-afp.org).

Submit a Resolution for the 2023 Congress of Delegates

MAFP Members are invited to make a recommendation to the MAFP Board of Directors to consider a resolution to be submitted on behalf of our members at this year's [AAFP Congress of Delegates](#), October 25-27, 2023, Chicago. The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians considers many issues that are important to our members. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) meets annually to develop and set policy for the AAFP, and to elect its officers and the AAFP Board of Directors (BOD). More information can be found [here](#).

Represent MAFP at NCCL in 2023

Believe it or not, it's time to start planning your schedule for AAFP's spring leadership conferences. The 2023 [National Conference of Constituency Leaders \(NCCL\)](#) will be held Tuesday-Thursday, May 9-11, 2023, in Kansas City, MO.

During NCCL, you will meet family physicians from across the United States, discuss and develop resolutions that shape AAFP policies and have the chance to be elected for various leadership positions for the next NCCL or as a delegate to the annual AAFP Congress of Delegates. MAFP delegates to NCCL each receive travel reimbursement according to the MAFP reimbursement policy.

The MAFP is looking for physician members who can represent five recognized special constituencies:

- International Medical Graduate (IMG) (an active member of the AAFP who graduated from a medical school outside the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico)
- LGBTQ+ Physician or Ally (an active AAFP member who self-identifies as LGBTQ+ or who is supportive of LGBTQ+ issues)
- Minority (an active AAFP member who is African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaska Native, or ethnic Latino)
- New Physician (an active AAFP member who has been in practice for less than seven years)
- Women (an active AAFP member who is a woman).

If you're interested in representing Missouri at this year's NCCL, [email Kathy Pabst at kpabst@mo-afp.org](mailto:kpabst@mo-afp.org).

Seeking Nominations for 2023 MAFP Awards

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is accepting nominations for the following 2023 awards:

- Family Physician of the Year
- Resident Stipend Award
- Exemplary Teaching Award
- Outstanding Resident of the Year
- Distinguished Service Award

[Learn More](#)

Members of the MAFP are the heart of the organization's success. They are vital to every facet of the organization's mission. These awards are a way to recognize the outstanding family physicians of Missouri who go above and beyond for family medicine with their patients and their communities.

Nominate a family physician or resident in your life who deserves recognition for providing exemplary care, is involved in their community, or is a leader in their practice. Nominations can be submitted online for each award by visiting <https://www.mo-afp.org/join/member-recognition/>. The awards criteria, eligibility, and nomination guidelines are also available there. The deadline to submit nominations is **April 30, 2023**.

Other News and Updates

Survey Opportunity: Implementation of evidence-based interventions for the treatment of opioid use disorders, harm reduction and HIV prevention

This survey is a newly funded project by the National Institutes of Health and the Institute for Public Health at Washington University. Participants will receive a \$75 gift card after the completion of a 20–30-minute online survey. You may be eligible to participate if you are a prescriber (MD, APRN, PA, or DO) and work in Missouri. If you are interested in participating, please use the following link to schedule a very brief time to meet with our research team to determine your eligibility: https://wustl.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_513lbakMlfiAibk.

ABFM Announces Certification Fee Reductions

The ABFM recently announced several fee reductions associated with maintaining certification. The new changes listed below offer lower associated costs for participation in Family Medicine Certification and are effective immediately.

Fee Categories	WAS	NOW
First Year of Certification after Initial Certification	\$200	\$0
Exam Application Fee for Continuing Certification Exam	\$250	\$0
First Exam Retake after an Unsuccessful Attempt	\$1,300	\$0
Subsequent Exam Retakes after an Unsuccessful Attempt	\$1,300	\$650

Additionally, the annual fee for ABFM Continuing Certification will remain at \$200 per year. This fee has not changed since 2012, when it was reduced from \$235 per year to \$200 per year. The ABFM remains committed to ensuring board certification remains valuable to family physicians who strive to provide the highest quality of care to their patients and communities.

In addition to considering the financial burden, the ABFM has been working to develop alternatives for your certification activities, focused on increasing relevance and reduction in your time burden to complete. As such, ABFM made several updates to its certification programs:

- The Family Medicine Certification Longitudinal Assessment (FMCLA) is now available to all currently certified Diplomates as a permanent exam alternative, beginning the year in which their next examination requirement is due to be complete.
- A substantial revision of all Knowledge Self-Assessments (KSAs) streamlining all questions into single-best answer format and updating all critiques and references. The newest releases include Care of Women, Care of Older Adults, and Care of Hospitalized Patients.
- The addition of National Journal Club provides convenient access to the latest peer-reviewed articles relevant to family medicine practice and includes the ability to earn certification credit points in small increments of time.

The release of a new Health Equity Performance Improvement (PI) Activity using the popular self-directed PI pathway, as well as a new Health Equity Self-Assessment activity, developed in collaboration with American Academy of Family Physicians.

[Please visit the ABFM website for more information.](#)

Mark These 2023 Dates on Your Calendar!

- **January 26** - Missouri Telehealth Summit - Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City - [Learn more](#)
- **January 27** - Hybrid Missouri Telehealth Summit - [Learn more](#)
- **February 13-14** - MAFP Advocacy Day - Courtyard Marriott, Jefferson City - [Learn more](#)
- **February 14** - MAFP Board of Directors Meeting - Courtyard Marriott, Jefferson City
- **February 23** - Virtual CME: OB/GYN and Maternal Health - [Learn more](#)
- **March 23** - Virtual CME: Men's Health - [Learn more](#)