



October 2022 MAFP News & Events

First Fall Virtual KSA Opportunity Approaching - October 16

Missouri has teamed up with other state chapters to deliver high-quality virtual KSAs this fall. The two sessions are as follows:

- October 16, 2022, 4:30 pm – Care of Hospitalized Patients
- November 20, 2022, 4:30 pm – Care of Women

The registration fee is \$150 for MAFP members and \$250 for non-members. We have less than 20 spots available for each session so don't delay! Register now at <https://moafp.formstack.com/forms/ksa>.

Missouri Academy's Annual Meeting

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, November 12, at 11:45 a.m. at Big Cedar Lodge. The meeting agenda and materials will be available at a later date.

The annual meeting is held in conjunction with the 30th Annual Fall Conference. Attendees of this conference can earn up to 13.50 Live Category 1 CME credits.

[Learn more about the conference](#)

What's Your Family Medicine Story?

The MAFP is preparing to celebrate 75 years of representing family physicians in the state. As part of our anniversary, we want to celebrate YOU!

Take a few minutes to share a story about why you became a family physician, a patient that impacted you, or how you impacted a patient's life. These stories will be published in the January-March 2023 issue of the Missouri Family Physician magazine.

[Take a minute to share.](#)

Virtual Speaker Opportunity

The MAFP is setting the **2023 Virtual CME series** schedule, and we invite you to consider presenting a session. Dates and topics for next year include:

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

[Submit the call for presentations](#) to Bill Plank (bplank@mo-afp.org) for consideration by the Education Commission. If you cannot present a topic but can recommend a subject matter expert, please forward the call for presentations to them!

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar!

- **October 16, 2022** - Virtual KSA: Care of Hospitalized Patients - [Learn more](#)
- **November 11-12, 2022** - 30th Annual Fall Conference - Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale - [Learn more](#)
- **November 13, 2022** - MAFP Commission and Board of Directors Meetings - Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale
- **November 20, 2022** - Virtual KSA: Care of Women - [Learn more](#)
- **February 13-14, 2023** - MAFP Advocacy Day - Courtyard Marriott, Jefferson City - [Learn more](#)
- **February 14, 2023** - MAFP Board of Directors Meeting - Courtyard Marriott, Jefferson City

Other News and Updates

AAFP Approves Updated ACIP Flu Vaccine Recommendations

What Family Physicians Should Know for 2022-2023 Season

AAFP reports that family physicians will be able to select from up to nine different influenza vaccines for the 2022-2023 season, [according to a CDC report](#) on recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The AAFP endorsed the recommendations on Aug. 30 after review and approval by the Commission on Health of the Public and Science.

The Academy has also updated its [Seasonal Influenza Prevention & Control webpage](#) to reflect the latest information. More information can be found here: [Immunizations & Vaccines \(aafp.org\)](#)

Talking to Vaccine-hesitant Patients

Four tips to help family physicians increase vaccination of hesitant patients:

1. Give a strong recommendation using presumptive, not participatory, language, such as *“I see it’s time for your flu vaccine”* rather than *“Do you want a flu vaccine?”*
2. Educate your patients on their risk from influenza and other preventable diseases, listen to their concerns, and have information available to answer their questions and concerns.
3. Use every visit as an opportunity to vaccinate, and give multiple vaccines at once when it’s appropriate.
4. Use standing orders and reminders, including in your EHR system, to know when patients are due for vaccination.

ABFM Updates

Family Medicine Certification Examination Opens This Month

Members who have a 2023 examination requirement deadline for the Family Medicine Certification Examination will have access when it opens in October 2022. Physicians will have the opportunity to choose between the one-day exam or the Family Medicine Certification Longitudinal Assessment (FMCLA). All physicians must be up to date on their CME, KSA and PI requirements for their examination application to be accepted. Those who choose to participate in FMCLA will begin the first quarter of 2023. Sign up in October so you’re ready in January! Contact Ashley Webb, ABFM Director of Outreach, by email with questions.

Pain Management KSA

The Pain Management (KSA) activity will soon be temporarily offline so that ABFM can re-evaluate the content for quality and focus for the future. The creation of the new Pain Medicine KSA is taking longer than expected, however the ABFM is continuing to work with an external organization to create the new Pain Medicine KSA. This new activity is expected to be ready for release in 2023. In the meantime, ABFM Diplomates will continue to have a wide variety of activities available to self-assess their current knowledge of conditions commonly seen in family medicine while earning family medicine certification self-assessment credits. These include current and new Knowledge Self-Assessments (KSA) topics, the ABFM National Journal Club and the 25-question per quarter Continuous Knowledge Self-Assessment (CKSA).

The schedule for changes to the ABFM Pain Management KSA is as follows:

- October 31, 2022: Last day to complete a Pain Management KSA
- December 31, 2022: Last day to review a Pain Management KSA

Diplomates will need to log into their [MyABFM Portfolio](#) to complete their Pain Management KSA activity prior to October 31, 2022 to ensure credit is received. [American Board of Family Medicine | ABFM | American Board of Family Medicine \(theabfm.org\)](#)

CDC Study Released on Aluminum in Vaccines

A recently released [CDC-funded study](#) in Academic Pediatrics examined whether aluminum in vaccines could be linked to asthma. **The study did not find that aluminum in vaccines causes asthma**, BUT this is expected to be misinterpreted by anti-vaccine leaders and spread far and wide on social media. *Vaccinate Your Family* wants your help to ensure the facts about this study get ahead of the anti-vaccine rhetoric. [Talking points \(in English and Spanish\)](#) and [graphics](#) are available.

MoHealthNet Education and Trainings Resources Available

Interested in learning how to navigate MO HealthNet resources, learn more about claim filing, crossover claims, eligibility, spend down and more? Check out our [MHD Education and Training Resources](#) and register for trainings on the MoHealthNet [Provider Training Calendar](#)! For more information, email MHD.ProvTrain@dss.mo.gov.

Read the KCAFP Summer Newsletter

[Check out what the Kansas City Chapter has been up to this summer!](#)

AAFP Advocacy in Action

Kelley vs. Becerra Ruling Jeopardizes Preventive Care

A federal court ruled that it is unconstitutional to require private health insurance to cover preventive services recommended by the U.S. Preventive Service Task Force. If this ruling stands, patients will likely face higher costs and restricted access to preventive health care services such as cancer screenings. Preventive care, which family physicians provide every day, is essential to keeping our nation healthy and reducing health care expenditures. We continue to monitor developments. [The AAFP issued a joint statement](#) with the American Medical Association and other health organizations to sound the alarm on the negative impact an adverse ruling on Kelley v. Becerra would have on patients.

AAFP Responds to Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

In July, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released the [2023 Medicare physician fee schedule and Quality Payment Program proposed rule](#). It includes an estimated 4.5% reduction in the Medicare conversion factor – the multiplier CMS uses to calculate payment rates. Coupled with steep increases in practice costs, [this may result in untenable Medicare payment cuts](#) for family physicians in 2023 and jeopardize patients' timely access to essential care.

The AAFP submitted a [comment letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#), urging CMS to continually invest in community-based primary care. We're also calling on Congress to avert Medicare Part B payment cuts set to go into effect by increasing the 2023 Medicare conversion factor. The [AAFP endorsed the bipartisan Supporting Medicare Providers Act of 2022](#), which is a critical first step in ensuring financial stability for physicians impacted by payment cuts in the fee schedule. And, AAFP is [urging Congress to provide positive annual updates for Medicare physician payments based on the Medicare Economic Index \(MEI\)](#) to account for increasing practice costs. **[SPEAK OUT NOW.](#)**

Congress Must Target Investment to Reduce Medical Student Debt Burden

Student debt is a major source of stress for medical students and new physicians. Loan forgiveness programs such as the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program have become a potential lifeline for those struggling with student debt. This program and others like it must be expanded at the federal level to improve access to health care in underserved communities, diversify the health care workforce, advance health equity, and address the physician shortage, [Board Chair Dr. Sterling Ransone writes in The Hill](#). **[SPEAK OUT NOW.](#)**