

Family Medicine Updates



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AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY MEDICINE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) is pleased to announce the election of 4 new officers and 4 new board members. The new officers elected at the ABFM's spring board meeting in April are: James Kennedy, MD of Winter Park, Colorado elected as Chair; Keith Stelter, MD of Mankato, Minnesota as Chair-Elect; Jimmy H. Hara, MD of Los Angeles, California as Treasurer; and Christine C. Matson, MD of Norfolk, Virginia as Member-at-Large, Executive Committee. In addition, the ABFM welcomes this year's new members to the Board of Directors: John Brady, MD of Newport News, Virginia; Colleen Conry, MD of Aurora, Colorado; Robert J. Ronis, MD, MPH of Cleveland, Ohio; and Melissa Thomason of Pinetops, North Carolina.

The new ABFM officers will each serve a 1-year term:



James Kennedy, MD, Chair, is a practicing family physician in Winter Park, Colorado where he started a new Advanced Idealized Micropractice in 2005. He is also the Chair of the County Medical Society and the Rural Health Network in his community. In addition, Dr. Kennedy has served as an

Assistant/Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center since 1994. Dr. Kennedy will serve the ABFM on the Executive Committee as its Chair.



Keith L. Stelter, MD, Chair-Elect, is the Associate Director of the Mankato Family Medicine Residency Program in Mankato, MN and an instructor with the Rural Physician Associate Program of the University of Minnesota Medical School. Dr. Stelter will serve the

ABFM on the Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Credentials Committee, the Operations Committee, the Audit/Finance Committee, the Communications/Publications Committee, the MC-FP Committee, and the Examination Committee as its Chair.



Jimmy H. Hara, MD, Treasurer, serves as Associate Dean and Professor of Family Medicine at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science. He is the Residency Program Director Emeritus, after serving 25 years as Director for Kaiser Los Angeles. Dr. Hara is also a clinical professor of family

medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Hara will serve the ABFM on the Executive Committee, the Operations Committee, the Examination Committee, the Research & Development Committee, the MC-FP Committee, the Bylaws Committee as its Chair, and the Audit/Finance Committee as its Chair.



Christine C. Matson, MD, Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School. She has served as Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program and Co-Director of the Family Medicine/Internal Medicine Combined Residency Program in Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. Matson will serve the ABFM on the Executive Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Credentials Committee, the Examination Committee, the Audit/Finance Committee, the Research & Development Committee, the MC-FP Committee, and the Communications/Publications Committee as its Chair.

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The following new Board members will serve 5-year terms:



John Brady, MD, is the owner/physician of The Village Doctor, a solo, independent family practice he opened in Newport News, VA in 2003. He is the President of the Ideal Medical Practices organization and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Dr. Brady will

serve the ABFM on the Examination Committee and the MC-FP Committee.



Colleen Conry, MD, is the Senior Vice-President for Quality and Clinical Affairs in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado. She previously served as Vice-Chair of Graduate Medical Education at the University of Colorado. Dr. Conry will serve the ABFM on the Research &

Development Committee and the Communications/Publications Committee. She will also serve as a representative to the Residency Review Committee (RRC).



Robert J. Ronis, MD, MPH, is the Douglas Danford Bond Professor and Chairman for the Department of Psychiatry, and the Associate Director for the Neurological Institute and Psychiatrist-in-Chief for the University Hospitals Case Medical Center at Case Western University School of Medicine.

Dr. Ronis will serve the ABFM on the Credentials Committee and the Communications/Publications Committee.



Melissa Thomason has been a Vidant Health Patient and Family Advisor since 2011 and has participated as a Patient Advocate and Speaker throughout the country. She currently serves on North Carolina Quality Center's Patient and Family Advisory Council,

National Quality Forum's Surgery Standing Committee and North Carolina Institute of Medicine's Patient and Family Engagement Taskforce. Ms. Thomason will serve the ABFM on the Credentials Committee and the Communication/Publications Committee.

The remaining current members of the Board are: Elizabeth G. Baxley, MD of Greenville, North Carolina; Laura M. Brooks, MD of Lynchburg, Virginia; Montgomery Douglas, MD of Valhalla, New York; Joseph Gravel, Jr. MD of North Reading, Massachusetts; Carlos Roberto Jaén, MD of San Antonio, Texas; Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH of Springfield, Illinois; Lorna Lynn, MD of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania; David E. Mercer, MD of Omaha, Nebraska; Marcia J. Nielsen, PhD of Washington, DC; and David Soper, MD of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.



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THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE ON PRACTICE IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS INNOVATIONS FOR PRACTICE REDESIGN

As the nation looks to family medicine to serve as the foundation of a transformed health care system, practices are struggling to respond to regulatory and payer expectations for improved outcomes and patient expectations for enhanced access to care and care coordination.

In December, the Conference on Practice Improvement will tackle these issues head on. Providers, researchers, educators, and practice staff will provide examples and strategies for practice redesign. Some specific highlights are mentioned below.

Primary Care Office of the Future

This year's conference will feature hands-on simulation of new practice designs and technology for primary care transformation. Clinical teams will be able to take a guided tour to experience innovative technologies and redesigned environments that facilitate enhanced team communication, patient engagement, and proactive care.

The Connecticut Institute for Primary Care Innovation (CIPCI) is partnering with STFM and innovative companies to demonstrate technology and workflow enhancements for the Primary Care Office of the Future. Originally created by CIPCI, the exhibit will help learners, clinical teams, and policy makers envision the future of primary care, and serve as a launching point for transformation projects.

Thanks go to CIPCI team leaders, Thomas Agresta, MD, MBI; Jeri Hepworth, PhD; and Rachael Ingersol, MA for their time and commitment in planning and organizing this unique experience.

General Session Speakers

Melissa Gerdes, MD, chief medical officer of Outpatient Services and Accountable Care Organization Strategy (ACOs) for Methodist Health System will address ACOs, specifically how practices need to transform to participate in value-based payment, and what it takes to be successful in the new payment environment. Halee Fischer-Wright, MD, president and chief executive officer of Medical Management Group