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GREETINGS FROM YOUR 2021-2022 IAFP PRESIDENT

By Laura Bowshier, M.D.

Editor's Note: This article is the inauguration speech Dr. Bowshier gave during her virtual installation in October of 2021.



Academy,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve as your president in the next year. We have been through a long past year and a half and I'm honored to help navigate our new normal as a family medicine community in the state of Iowa.

My roots in the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians run deep- I grew up watching my father, an Iowa family physician, engage in advocacy and leadership. I learned about the heart of family medicine and witnessed the academy advance strong family medicine in the state. While at the University of Iowa for medical school and in Davenport for residency, I became involved on my own, serving on the Board of Directors, lobbying in Washington, D.C., and attending the annual student and resident conference. I learned firsthand the breadth and depth of the academy and how to navigate big and small challenges as a state organization. Over the past five years, it's been my privilege to work with our amazing academy staff and recent boards to shape our strategic plan for the IAFP and to be a voice for our specialty and our patients.

My goals for the next year are grand, but I firmly believe we are capable. I hope to continue the visionary work of the academy board, especially as we look at the Implementing High Quality Primary Care report from the National Academies of Medicine. Examining what we as an academy can do within our state, as well as mentoring and working on increasing interest in primary care, will be powerful action opportunities. Advocacy efforts, be it through the legislature, with insurance companies, or within local communities, will let us use our voices for betterment. Following the strong work of the AAFP, I also hope to continue to connect with members through events and conversations, with renewed thoughtfulness about the strength in a diversity of voices.

As I close, I want to quickly thank some of those who have shaped my journey. My parents and sister have provided loving support from day one and encouraged big dreams and hard work. Despite the extra juggling that it creates for our family and schedule, my husband has been never wavering in his dedication to me and my passion for the IAFP. My patients are the reasons I love family medicine - the conversations and relationships give me purpose and joy. A sincere thanks as well to Pam Williams, Kelly Scallon and Katie Cox for their tireless efforts.

I've kept a list of mentors on my computer since starting medical school of people who I want to emulate in my practice and leadership styles - many of these people are here today and have proverbially "walked these halls." As I start this year of service, I sincerely believe that our efforts -for our patients, our colleagues, and the learners behind us- make our communities and our specialty stronger.

*“My goals for the next year are grand,
but I firmly believe we are capable.”*

- Laura Bowshier, M.D.

CARING FOR OUR PROFESSION AND OUR VULNERABLE OLDER PATIENTS

By Jason Wilbur, M.D.

Happy New Year, family doctors and allies of family medicine! As I look back at my column from this time last year, I must smile at my rosy optimism about the pandemic. Oh, 2021, I thought you would be so different! Vaccines were being pumped out by the millions, and the words delta and omicron sounded like fraternities. Here we are, one year later, a bit jaded but wiser, changing our expectations from return-to-normal to living with endemic SARS-CoV2.

Our winter issue focuses on advocacy, and you will find excellent student and resident articles that address their perspectives on this topic. I will use my space as a reminder of some tools available to you and share a personal goal for my own advocacy efforts.

The Society for Teachers of Family Medicine has a concise, informative online course that introduces key concepts and tools for advocacy. It's free and found here: <https://stfm.org/advocacycourse>. The AAFP and the IAAP have loads of information that will point you in the right direction. You can get started with the AAFP website (<https://www.aafp.org/advocacy.html>) or the IAAP (<http://iaafp.org/advocacy/>).

Do not overlook the importance of financially supporting family medicine advocacy efforts. You might have your own favorite organizations to support, like STFM. Great! Remember that PrimCare PAC (<http://iaafp.org/primcare-pac/>) is *the* lobbying organization that directly supports *our* profession in Iowa. On a national level, we have FamMedPAC (<https://www.aafp.org/advocacy/support/fammedpac.mem.html>). When we financially support these organizations, we give our family medicine advocates a

voice when decisions are being made that affect our patients and our profession.

As we make our voices heard in state and national politics, I hope that we advocate on behalf of people who quietly suffer and lack a voice in our political system. We could choose to focus on any of a number of under-represented and under-powered groups in Iowa. As a geriatrician, I choose to focus on institutionalized older adults, specifically, those living in nursing homes.

The pandemic has been a nightmare for nursing home residents. As of January 2022, the CDC has recorded over 142,000 Covid deaths in U.S. nursing homes. Since the CDC did not start requiring nursing homes to report Covid deaths until May 24, 2020, the actual number of deaths is probably many thousands higher (Shen K et al. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2021;4(9):e2122885). There are about 1.7 million beds in the US, so the overall mortality rate from Covid could be as high as 10%.

Nursing home residents did not just die at high rates from Covid, they suffered privation of care. Chronically short-staffed nursing homes received more complaints about neglect (<https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/03/25/us-concerns-neglect-nursing-homes#>). Loved ones were barred from visiting residents through much of 2020. Activities were curtailed. Socialization was severely limited. And when a vaccine became available, nursing home staff were often slow to accept the vaccine (<https://medicareadvocacy.org/snf-staff-vaccination/>).

When it comes to the care of our most vulnerable citizens, we have collectively failed them. We cannot go back in time and



right that wrong, but we can make things better for current and future nursing home residents. While I don't have a solution, I wonder if it is time to update the 35-year-old Nursing Home Reform Act, increase Medicaid payments to nursing homes, and raise the pay of CNAs. As many of us care for nursing home patients and serve as medical directors of care centers, we may have a significant impact locally. I urge you to do what you can to make your nursing homes as safe as possible and to advocate for systemic change.

As always, send your thoughts, reflections, and feedback to jason-wilbur@uiowa.edu.

How you can get involved in advocacy:

- Join the advocacy committee
- Read the weekly legislative updates
- Respond to requests to speak out to legislators
- Donate to the PAC

CURRICULUM REFORM NEEDED TO ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY

By Sarah Costello, MS2, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

The devastating toll of COVID-19 on marginalized communities has served to highlight health inequities that have existed for centuries. A wide spectrum of institutions, including healthcare, are

beginning to acknowledge and examine narratives and systems of power that exclude and marginalize communities, exacerbating health inequities. As medical students, we learn about health

inequities, however most of us feel powerless and ill-equipped to make positive changes. If meaningful health equity work is to be achieved within our healthcare institutions, medical students must be better prepared and supported to act as advocates for change.

Narratives are transhistorical storylines that are deeply embedded in a particular culture. They are shaped by culturally shared stories, and they guide our thoughts, beliefs, values, and behaviors.¹ Dominant narratives reflect the values and interests of the most powerful group—white, male, wealthy, hetero-, able-bodied, Christian, U.S.-born—and exclude others. These narratives act to keep the dominant group in a position of power; individuals and groups whose stories do not align with the dominant narrative are marginalized and stigmatized. The healthcare inequities that exist in our society stem from deeply rooted dominant narratives that insidiously influence policy, scientific research, and structural institutions, including healthcare, by manifesting as sexism, racism, ablism and stigmatizing beliefs, negatively impacting health outcomes. For example, the false conflation of race with inherent biological and genetic traits is a manifestation of pervasive and flawed master narratives about racial differences. Medical historian John Hoberman argues in his book *Black and Blue* that medical providers are no less susceptible to racial myths than anyone else. Consequently, the healthcare institution has intentionally and unintentionally reinforced harmful racial narratives by presenting racially biased medical research and racially distorted diagnoses and treatments.²

The power of harmful dominant narratives comes from their insidious nature. Individuals absorb them into their identities

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without realizing and they manifest as implicit bias. When we recognize them, we can resist their influence on our own thoughts and behaviors. When they are critically appraised to acknowledge and understand the flawed culturally shared beliefs that stem from them, we can use this knowledge to engage in meaningful dialogue and construct and reinforce alternate narratives that drive positive change. This is the heart of advocacy.

Recently, teams from the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Center for Health Justice came together to produce a foundational health equity toolkit for physicians, health care workers and others. This toolkit explores the importance of narratives in shaping the ways in which we think about patients, families, communities, and neighborhoods we serve—and consider the origins of our own implicit bias. Additionally, the toolkit highlights ways that the language that we use, questions we ask and interpretations of stories we hear can determine whether our actions and behaviors reinforce or disrupt harmful dominant narratives.³ If healthcare institutions hope to successfully advance health equity, the ideas presented in this toolkit should be discussed as part of the didactic undergraduate medical curriculum. As we learn to listen and interpret patients' stories in the context of culture and society, narrative theory can be a useful tool to help us to understand and recognize the forces that influence health outcomes at levels above individual interactions.

Medical school is an intensely transformative socialization process that shapes the personal values and beliefs that will one day influence our practice of medicine. It is in the hidden curriculum

of medical school that we encounter many of the narratives, transmitted as shared stories and experiences, that shape the culture of medicine, and we begin to absorb them into our identities. Currently, most medical school curricula place disproportionate value on biomedical sciences, along with acknowledgement of the impact of social determinants of health. However, risk factors such as race, and sex are presented solely as inherent characteristics that influence probability of disease, rather than markers of racism, sexism, oppression, homophobia, and other stigmatizing manifestations of dominant narratives that experts are beginning to acknowledge as mechanisms of disease. Advocates for critical race theory in medical education argue that by portraying race as an inherent risk factor, biomedical models and social determinant of health curricula *reinforce* and *perpetuate* racial master narratives that divorce human health from socio-political realities and drive health inequities.⁴ If we are not being trained to recognize harmful dominant narratives that drive health inequity, how can we hope to combat them?

As I reflect on my own experience of the didactic medical curriculum over the last year and a half, I am struck by the dichotomy of professionalism lessons teaching empathy, compassion, and connection, with the starkly contrasting, heavily weighted and intensely isolating lessons in biomedical sciences that teach us to view the human body as a machine, dehumanizing patients, and ourselves. For me, the most meaningful lessons have come from elective classes hosted by our schools writing and humanities program. In these classes students can explore the effect of racialized and gendered dominant narratives on the way we view ourselves, patients, and communities.

These electives demonstrate that if institutions look beyond the biomedical model and social determinants of health curricula, collaborate with experts outside of medicine and encourage students to critically appraise the culture in which we are being socialized, it is possible to effectively teach narrative concepts to medical students, to equip us with the insight necessary to understand societal forces that drive health inequities and to energize us with language to engage in meaningful dialogue for positive change.

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LETTER TO FELLOW RESIDENTS CONCERNING ADVOCACY

By Austin Pillon, D.O., R2 / Central Iowa Family Medicine Residency Program / Des Moines, IA

“Medicine is what you do in the room that makes the patient feel better.”

– Dr. Gary Hoff

This past year has been an interesting start to a career in practicing medicine to say the least. And that is really not saying much, considering the status of our local communities, state, and country. It seems like we've had more waves of the COVID-19 pandemic than the numbers of Iowans vaccinated against said virus. Our ICU's and hospital censuses around the country are still in a state of extremis. Adapting from student to provider over the last 18 months has been a challenging adjustment; I'm appreciating that our whole system has been similarly adjusting to becoming pandemic providers regardless of specialty. We have collectively grown to understand the hidden costs of a mass illness as well as the obvious, and some of these taxations are finally beginning to sink in. Close to two years of practice with testing, masking, gowning, PAPRing, donning, doffing, sanitizing, and distancing have made these habits routine and mundane for a group of workers used to protocols and policy-based practices. The emotional toll of seeing five middle-aged relatives huddled outside of the ICU room window next to the hospital's employee work entrance at 0655 in heavy gloves, beanies, and scarves is not written in a work manual, was not taught in medical school, and does not show up with an algorithm in the provider update email.

These same people are still there after morning report is over, still huddled around a speaker phone, and still talking in happy and excited tones to their loved one through a pane of glass. Sometimes the weather is poor, there are fewer family members, or only notes left on the window. However, our patients' families continue to find a way to give our patients hope and support. So how do we play a role in this as a care team member? Where is our space in the realm of hope, goals, desires, fears,

anxieties, communication, communion, and community? How do we find time between the notes, pages, meetings, clinic patients, interviews, rounds, committees, and—unintentionally while writing this but poignantly last on this list—personal wellness? How can we shed another ounce of effort in our incredibly saturated days as residents, physicians, nurses, techs, and hospital staff in an unprecedented time of systemic resource taxation to advocate for our patients?

The role of a patient advocate, in my eyes, is something fluid and dynamic; it is not necessarily a specific title on a door marker on a patient care floors. Advocacy is a hat someone puts on when they identify a cause for concern that the patient's voice may not be heard or that the course of care may not exactly align with the patient's wishes, goals, or principles. To evaluate for these potential incongruences between our medical management and the patient's stated or very possibly unqueried goals, we need training and practice.

If there is any truth I've learned about the hardships of residency, the pandemic, and medicine in general, it's simply that exposure is invaluable. I look at my younger colleagues who are still in the clinical years of their medical school education, rotating at our hospital site, and envy the time that they have to spend in the room with our patients. What a luxury I once enjoyed, to learn about a person and build a trusting relationship with the gift of time. We all naturally and necessarily become sharper, more efficient, and inevitably quicker providers over time. This being said, I would argue that should a medical student find some time on their inpatient rotations not filled with the activities listed in paragraph two of this editorial, we should encourage

them to expand one of their SOAP notes to include a discussion on goals of care.

My resident colleagues and I try to make a point to ask not only about code status during morning handoff, but also about: patient goals and wishes, the dynamics of different family members, home situations, social and economic pressures concerning the patient, and other cultural factors that may be affecting their choices. We feel proud of this as a program culture. However, I have personally found that the patients I can trust most with adherence and follow-up are those in whom I invest more time in than simply my strict medical assessment and plan. The patients I am able to spend an extra 30 seconds with—explaining how to pronounce my name (Pillon, “Pull-On”), asking if there is someone from their family I can call to update, or assuring that they understand instructions from their care team—are the patients I can rely on to follow-up as an outpatient.

Advocacy is a relationship of caring built on small actions and punctuated with larger gestures. When you hold your patient's hand through a central line placement, they will tell their spouse about that the next day when visiting hours are available. When you take time to put into perspective how blessed rather than unlucky it is that you accidentally found the solitary hypermetabolic nodule, that patient may think about that all night until you round on them the next day. And when one steps up to the plate with your resident phone during a busy call shift, ready to coordinate between three specialists, ethics, legal, administrators, or even a judge to make things right for a patient and their family, and ensure that a standard of care is provided, something very special can be found.

The daunting and exhausting situation of a complicated case that cannot be solved with a reference or a consultation has and will continue to be present for us. It is a reality for our patients and their families. We have been collectively pushed to a critical value of utilization and morale, and it seems like suggesting another role outside of the vital functions would be flirting with fulminant failure. I've found personally that there can be times of paradoxical rejuvenation, where the phone marathon is surely tiring but when news of success (or at least certainty of plan as opposed to ambiguity) is delivered to a patient and family, overwhelming relief and gratitude is found. Please note, these feelings are not restricted to the individuals who do not wear hospital badges. The reconciliation of a legal decision-making status is hard, sometimes multi-day work, but it has the opportunity to heal those on both sides of the numbered door. Look around at your nursing, tech staff, fellow residents, even attendings when you deliver the news that you finally secured a hard-fought placement for your patient without financial resources.

We have the incredible opportunity to explore a dimension of medicine that is not found in an EHR, has no place in a sterile operating room, and does not care if you ordered the antibiotics for 7 days or for 10. As much as family medicine residents must become apprentice specialists (or strive to) in the course of four weeks of a rotation, so can we also switch gears in our modalities of clinical observation to engage in a role of advocacy. We can investigate a change in temperament instead of temperature, consider the weight of a burden of chronic disease rather than the weight our diuresing patient, and measure the specific gravity of a cancer diagnosis from an incidentaloma. As physician advocates, we have the spoils of knowledge, the privilege of status, and the duty of responsibility to observe, interrogate, analyze, and reconcile our plans with what the families we take care of want and need—not as patients, but as *people*.



Resident News

Dr. Abigail (Abby) Pira has been appointed to be a resident representative to the AAFP Center for Global Health Initiatives. For this one year appointment, Dr. Pira will represent the resident perspective on the Global Health Initiatives Advisory Board, participate in program development for the annual AAFP Global Health Summit, coordinate resident communications and activities and much more. Congratulations Dr. Pira!



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RACE-BASED MEDICINE: HOW DOES IT IMPACT PATIENT CARE AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MITIGATE ITS EFFECTS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES?

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Race is socially constructed to sort people into groups based on physical appearance, shared behaviors, and/or shared geography (1). Race is shaped by the social and political dynamics of the local environment; therefore, the definition of a racial group can differ from place to place and over time (2). Studies exploring genetic variations across the world have found that more genetic difference occurs within individuals of a given population than between populations (3). For these reasons, the use of race in medical diagnosis and treatment is increasingly being called into question.

Currently, race is used as a biological marker for disease states or as a variable in diagnosis and treatment. For example, equations that are used to calculate eGFR such as the Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD-EPI) creatinine equation require users to select the race of a patient in order to generate a result. Such equations produce different results based on the racial category selected. With the CKD-EPI creatinine equation, selecting the Black racial category produces an eGFR result that is higher compared to selecting the non-Black racial category. Because eGFR is used in the decision-making process for referral for kidney transplantation and because the lower the eGFR the earlier the referral is generated, patients who are assumed to be members of the Black race may be referred for kidney transplant and

added to the kidney transplant waiting list later in the course of disease. Such actions can reduce these patients' access to a treatment for end-stage renal disease that has been shown to have substantial positive outcomes over the long term compared to renal replacement therapy (4). Recently, the Heaton Norms used to evaluate NFL players' performance on post-concussion neurocognitive tests have been criticized for their use of race as the expected level of cognitive performance for Blacks is lower than for non-Blacks. This has resulted in Black players' dementia claims being rejected more often than non-Black players (5). Other calculators or tools using race include those for estimating cardiovascular risk and for adjustments in spirometry.

All of these issues led AAFP to develop a policy opposing the inappropriate use of race in clinical evaluation and management (6). The policy was developed in response to multiple resolutions from AAFP members. In addition to the policy, the AAFP continues to call for research to address the misuse of race to ensure that it is not used as a proxy for biology, but rather as a risk factor based on health disparities resulting from societal and economic factors (7). In a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee, AAFP stressed the importance of research focused on understanding how systemic racism and oppression create health disparities and how to best include

those factors in clinical decision making (7). AAFP acknowledges the need for the collection of data using sociodemographic identifiers like race in order to accurately identify and address disparities in disease prevalence and access to health care. AAFP advocates for the inclusion of diverse patients and communities in clinical trials, surveys, and other research activities.

The AAFP has policy statements against discrimination (8) and institutionalized racism (9) and supports members by providing training (10) on how to minimize their racial/ethnic bias as part of the clinical decision-making process and provides tools that can be utilized to collect data on indicators other than race/ethnicity, such as patients' social determinants of health. Additional work is underway to address continued requests from members and chapters to address the use of race in educational offerings by AAFP journals and CME courses.

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Make Every Bite Count with Nutrient-Dense Foods

Several key nutrients, such as iron, zinc and choline, are essential to support healthy growth and development in the early years, particularly among infants who are exclusively breastfed and ready to transition to complementary feeding. **The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends introducing nutrient-dense foods, such as meat, during this transition,** to help ensure adequate intake of high-quality protein, iron, zinc and choline and to help protect against deficiencies that can impact a child's development, learning, behavior and growth.¹

According to the AAP, approximately 2 servings of meat (1-2 ounces/day) can be provided to help meet key nutrient and energy needs.¹ Pureed, ground, shredded or stewed beef can introduce a variety of textures that can safely support babies' developmental needs, reduce risk of choking and help lay the foundation for a healthy dietary pattern and lifestyle.¹⁻⁴

Safely introduce beef by matching the appropriate preparation with an infant's age and developmental stage.



6-8 months
Pureed Beef



8-10 months
Shredded Beef



10-12 months
Chopped Beef



Did You Know? By 6 months of age, a baby's iron stores are depleting while their iron requirements are increasing substantially. In fact, 18% of infants are falling short on recommended iron intake.⁵



For more information visit [BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com/nutrition/beef-in-the-early-years](https://www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com/nutrition/beef-in-the-early-years)

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to consult a physician or health care provider with questions about starting solid foods.

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2021 RECAP

By Pam Williams, Executive Vice President

The 2020-2021 year was full of ups and downs. Once the vaccine roll-out came to Iowa we were filled with anticipation to switch back from virtual to live meetings. Unfortunately, the roll-out was very slow and we realized it would not be advisable to hold the summer meetings at Lake Okoboji and Galena, Illinois so they were rescheduled for 2022. With great excitement we scheduled the October 28-30 Annual Meeting and CME Conference as a live event. Early registration numbers were great . . . and then Delta hit. We continued with plans for a live meeting but when the Board of Directors met in August it was apparent that proceeding with a live meeting was full of uncertainties. We moved the meeting to a virtual event and had over 100 registrants! The Annual CME Meeting had new topics and speakers as

well as some old favorites such as Journal Club Live.

The year brought some great opportunities for partnering with other groups in Iowa to bring free virtual CME programming to Iowa family physicians. Many thanks to the Wolfe Eye Clinic and the Iowa Food and Family Project Group for partnering with us.

In addition to the meetings above, the IAFP collaborated with a program spearheaded by the Iowa Hospital Association, that also included the Iowa Medical Society and the Iowa Health Collaborative. The Physician Business Leadership Program is a certificate program that is in its third year and was designed as four in-person full day training program with



additional requirements in networking and involvement with other industry activities. The audience is emerging and aspiring physician leaders. These programs were moved to a virtual format. Dr. Tyler Olson was selected as the 2021 IAFP scholar for this activity.



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We continued to offer on-demand programming to help meet your state mandated CME requirements and offered virtual KSA sessions to help with ABFM requirements.

Another unexpected twist came when the Iowa Hospital Association sold the building we have been in for many years to Krause Holdings and we were faced with a 50% rent increase from what we have been paying. While we had enjoyed our building in the East Village, we have settled into our new space off Ingersoll in what is being touted as the Western Gateway redevelopment area. Our new space is considerably smaller but also with a considerably smaller price. The move has been rewarding financially as well as we will save \$1200 per month over what we would have been paying.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Sherry Bulten who finished her term as Board Chair and therefore went off the Board after many years of service. She did a great job of leading the board through such a challenging year.

Dr. Lonny Miller was a dedicated President of the IAFP and stepped into the role of Board Chair with a commitment to leading the board through what appears to be more challenging times ahead.

Congratulations to our new President, Dr. Laura Bowshier. We look forward to a great year and know we will be in good hands under her leadership.

I thank all members who serve on the Boards of the Academy, the Foundation and the PAC and all who serve as delegates, and on state and national committees. I also want to thank our very dedicated and hardworking Academy staff. We could not accomplish the work that is done throughout the year without them. I am so privileged to be able to work with Katie Cox and Kelly Scallon and every day starts as a new adventure with these two. Please share your gratitude with them when you have a chance.

It is so difficult to express the depth of my admiration and respect for Iowa Family Physicians. Thank you for your care of the people of Iowa through this most difficult time and for the spirit and leadership you demonstrate each and every day. I thank you for your continued membership and involvement in our organization. I encourage you to take advantage of the

great CME offered by the Academy and challenge you to become involved in this great organization that represents you at the state and national level. Our continued success is dependent upon each of you. It remains an honor and a privilege to serve as your Executive Vice President and I hope 2022 gives us many opportunities to meet in person.

Do you work with pregnant patients?

Help us prevent congenital syphilis increases in Iowa.

Healthy pregnancies lead to healthy babies.

In addition to other prenatal care, following syphilis testing recommendations for pregnant persons is an important part of giving babies the best possible start.

Congenital syphilis cases are at an all-time high for Iowa.

More than ever, it's important to follow best practices for screening, including:

- Screen all pregnant persons in the first trimester at their first prenatal visit.
- If presenting late for prenatal care, persons should be tested for syphilis **immediately**.
- Retesting at 28 weeks gestation and delivery is also beneficial. Prioritize retesting if patient is:
 - ▶ living in a community with high syphilis rates
 - ▶ at risk for acquiring syphilis during pregnancy (STIs during pregnancy, substance use, multiple partners, a new partner, partner with STIs)

For more information, contact:
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2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Workforce Initiatives

- The Academy will continue to explore ways to increase quality physician access to patients in Iowa through workforce programs like the Primary Care Rural Loan Repayment Program drafted by the IAFP in 2014. Fully funding these programs is critical to maintain a physician centered primary care workforce in Iowa. As such, IAFP supports:
 - i. Increased funding for the Rural Primary Care Loan Repayment Program,
 - ii. Increased state funding for the Medical Residency Programs
 - iii. Continued funding for psychiatric training at Des Moines University.

Primary Care Rural Loan Repayment Program Recipient Data

Academic Year	Total	Family Medicine	Pediatrics	General Surgery	Psychiatry	Internal Medicine
2013-2014	8	5	2	1	0	0
2014-2015	12	10	0	0	1	1
2015-2016	9	7	1	0	0	1
2016-2017	10	7	1	0	2	0
2017-2018	12	9	1	0	2	0
2018-2019	11	6	2	1	1	1
2019-2020	9	9	0	0	0	0

2. Telehealth

- In 2015 the IAFP was instrumental in creating payment parity for Medicaid patients being treated in person or through telehealth technology. In 2021 the IAFP was part of the coalition that created payment parity with private payors for mental health services. The IAFP will advocate for private pay parity for medical services that provide quality care and expand access for Iowans in urban, rural and underserved areas.

3. Medical Liability Reform

- In Iowa, noneconomic damage awards from juries has climbed sharply. More than \$63M has been awarded in noneconomic damages in just five cases. Noneconomic damages are defined as intangible harms like “severe pain, physical and emotional distress, loss of enjoyment”, etc. IAFP supports closing loopholes in the state’s cap on noneconomic damages.
- Capping noneconomic damages will reduce skyrocketing insurance premiums and benefit recruitment of physicians.

4. Scope of Practice Protection

- IAFP is opposed to legislation that would erode physician’s ability to practice within their full scope and put Iowa patients in harms way. To this end, IAFP is aware of the following perennial legislative initiatives:
 - i. Pharmacy Statewide protocols. IAFP will monitor the legislation put forth to ensure patients care and the physician-patient relationship is not compromised.
 - ii. Direct entry midwives. The IAFP opposes direct entry midwives due to their lack of educational and medical training, and the impact this gap in education has on caring for their patients.
 - iii. Naturopathic physicians. The IAFP opposes the licensure and recognition of naturopathic physicians because of the manner in which this group practices (i.e. do not follow evidence-based practices).

5. Primary Care Direct Spend

- Research continues to show that primary care is critical to the health of individuals, improves health outcomes, and is associated with a more equitable distribution of health in populations. Patients who identified a primary care physician as their usual source of care had lower five-year mortality rates than patients who identified a specialist physician as their usual source of care.
- Primary care spending lags in the United States compared to similar investment in most other high-income countries. Nations with greater investment in primary care reported better patient outcomes and lower

health care costs.

- The IAFP will work with their payor partners or explore legislation to address the lack of investment in primary care focusing on the creation of state-level databases to quantify primary care investment and efforts to increase the level of investment.

5. Medicaid Managed Care

- IAFP will work to ensure there is proper oversight on the managed care companies overseeing the Medicaid program and making sure providers are paid accurately and in a timely manner

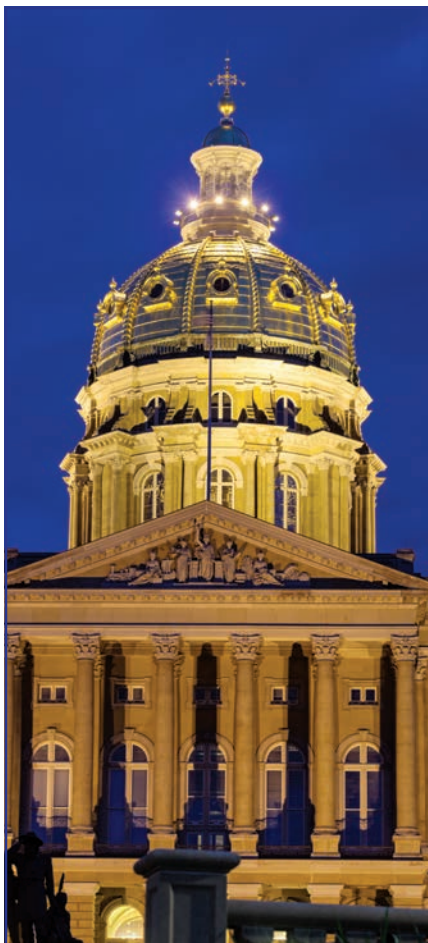
6. Access to Care and Public Health

- IAFP supports initiatives that promotes access to care in Iowa. As primary care physicians we understand the importance of access to care in both urban and rural settings. Additionally, IAFP supports public health initiatives like smoking cessation programs, obesity programs, etc.

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WHAT IS THE IAFP PRIMCARE PAC?

IAFP PrimCare PAC is the state political action committee of the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians. The PAC is a special organization set up to collect contributions from a large number of people, pool those funds and make contributions to state election campaigns.

WHERE DOES MY DONATION GO?

IAFP PrimCare PAC will make direct contributions to candidates for the Iowa General Assembly (either State House of Representatives or State Senate), and statewide offices. Contribution decisions are made in a nonpartisan way based on candidates’ positions, policies and voting records as they relate to family physicians and our patients. Direct contribution decisions are made by the PAC Committee.

I ALREADY PAY MY DUES—ISN’T THAT ENOUGH?

Election laws prohibit the use of membership dues for donations to political candidates. Funds to be used for donations to candidates must be raised separately from membership dues. Voluntary PrimCare PAC donations are what will enhance IAFP’s clout in the elections and with elected members of the Legislature.



IAFP PRIMCARE PAC DONATION:

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2022 PHYSICIAN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

FEB. 22 | MARCH 8 | APRIL 12 | JUNE 14 | AUG. 9

The Iowa Academy of Family Physicians is partnering with the Iowa Hospital Association, Iowa Medical Society and the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative on a program in its fourth year to provide Physician Business Leadership training to physicians in Iowa. Participants in this program will gain tools to become successful leaders in today's complex health care environment.

For more information and registration please visit <http://iaafp.org/physician-business-leadership/>

Registration Closes February 20th

SESSION ONE | FEB. 22, 2022

LED IN PERSON BY DR. MCCOY, IHA CONFERENCE CENTER

- 8:30 a.m. Introduction to the Iowa Hospital Association
Chris Mitchell, President and CEO, IHA
- 9 a.m. The Art and Challenge of Coaching Colleagues to Enhanced Performance Jeff Morris, M.D., MBA, Studer Coach
- 10:30 a.m. Managing the Difficult Physician Colleague
Jeff Morris, M.D., MBA, Studer Coach
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Physician Leaders and Hospital/Health System Leaders: An Evolving Partnership Kimberly Russel, FACHE, CEO, Russel Advisors
- 2:30 p.m. Advocacy 101 Maureen Keehnle, JD, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, IHA
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

SESSION TWO | MARCH 8, 2022

VIRTUAL

- 1 p.m. DiSC Assessment Training Session
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

SESSION THREE | APRIL 12, 2022

LED VIRTUALLY BY DR. SCHAEFFER

- 8:30 a.m. Introduction to the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative
Tom Evans, M.D., President and CEO, Iowa Healthcare Collaborative
- 9 a.m. Health Care Finance 101 Susan Horras, Vice President, Finance, IHA
- 10:30 a.m. Crisis and Grief Leadership During a Disaster Event Joshua Morganstein, M.D., DFAPA, Assistant Director, Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, Uniformed Services University
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Strategic Planning for Quality Tom Evans, M.D., President and CEO, Iowa Healthcare Collaborative
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

SESSION FOUR | JUNE 14, 2022

LED VIRTUALLY BY DR. MARQUARDT

- 8:30 a.m. Introduction to the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians Pam Williams, Executive Vice President, Iowa Academy of Family Physicians
- 9 a.m. Building Your QI Foundation: How to Craft a Problem Statement Charles Derus, M.D., M.M., Interstate Postgraduate Medical Association
- 10:30 a.m. Negotiations and Conflict Management Azeemuddin Ahmed, M.D., MBA, Clinical Professor and Executive Vice Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Iowa
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Data and Decision-making John Richardson, Director, Inpatient/Outpatient and Data Analytics, IHA
- 2 p.m. Adjourn

SESSION FIVE | AUG. 9, 2022

LED IN PERSON BY DR. BOWSHIER,

THE IOWA MEDICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE ROOM

- 8:30 a.m. Introduction to the Iowa Medical Society Mike Flesher, Executive Vice President and CEO, Iowa Medical Society
- 9 a.m. Health Care Futurist, Part 1: A Survival Guide for Health Care Organizations Steven Berkowitz, M.D., SMB Consulting
- 10:30 a.m. Health Law Jo Ellen Whitney, JD, Dentons and Davis Brown
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. Health Care Futurist, Part 2: Patient as a Partner in Care Steven Berkowitz, M.D., SMB Consulting
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn



WE WANT YOU! JOIN A COMMITTEE

*All committees meet in-person
one time a year at our Fall Annual Conference.
Committees also meet throughout the year on
short zoom calls and through email.*

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Responsible for all continuing education programs of the Academy that includes the Clinical Education Conference and the Winter/Summer meeting.

MEMBER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE:

Duties include serving as an advocate for family physicians and their patients in matters relating to the delivery of health care, and promotes the image of family physicians in the state of Iowa. In addition, the committee seeks members to serve on committees and boards for government and other health care related organizations, and assists in the legislative activities of the Academy including grassroots lobbying (Key Contacts). The committee is also responsible for the annual legislative coffee.

MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Oversees the production of the Iowa Family Physician magazine and the Membership Directory. In addition, the committee recommends public relations projects to the board of directors. Current projects include FP of the Year, Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, and numerous public relations efforts. The committee reviews all membership applications, relocations, delinquent CME records and members delinquent in dues payments. The committee also conducts membership surveys.

**To get involved: email Kelly at kscallon@iaafp.org or fill out form
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IOWA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS 2022 GALENA FALL CME GETAWAY

Join us September 30 - October 2, 2022 at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa for the 2022 Galena Fall CME Getaway



NEW FALL CME WEEKEND GETAWAY The IAFP is excited to bring a new fall option to our CME lineup. Join us as we travel to Galena! This meeting is great for singles, couples and families where there will be plenty of time for you to relax, explore and enjoy all the area has to offer. We will offer three, half-day CME sessions during this weekend beginning at 12:30 on Friday and from 8:00 to 1:00 on Saturday and Sunday. We look forward to having you join us at this exciting new event!

ABOUT THE RESORT: Tucked among The Galena Territory's 6,800 rolling acres of pristine woodlands and open countryside, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa offers "country elegant" hotel accommodations and rental homes and villas only minutes from the quaint shopping and dining of Galena, Illinois. Eagle Ridge Resort is a gateway to boundless adventures and activities, from four award-winning championship golf courses and the luxurious Stonedrift Spa to tennis, boating, fishing, riding, and even hot air ballooning!

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CME REGISTRATION: You can register for the CME Portion of the meeting by going to the IAAFP website.

CME REGISTRATION FEES: **IAFP/AAFP Member** - \$395.00 **Non-Member** - \$450.00

CME PRESENTATION: The IAFP offers a \$200 honorarium for each one hour topic presented.

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MAIL PAYMENT TO: IAFP, 1515 Linden Street, Ste 220, Des Moines, IA 50309 or register online at iaafp.org/2022-galena

For additional information please check out iaafp.org/2022-galena

NEW IAFP BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS NAMED

The new IAFP Board of Director were installed via zoom on October 29th. Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members! Thank you for serving IAFP.

- **President-Elect** - Corrine Ganske, MD
- **Vice President** - Kate Thoma, MD
- **Board Chair** - Lonny Miller, MD
- **District 3 Director** - Laura Abels, DO
- **District 3 Director** - Robert Nathanson, DO
- **Director At Large B** - Candice Smith, MD
- **Delegate to the AAFP** - Amr Kamhawy, MD
- **Alternate Delegate to the AAFP** - Robin Barnett, DO

We would like to give a special thank you to our outgoing IAFP Board Chair, Sherry Bulten, whose term ended in October. Her dedication and service to the Board of Directors has been inspiring and appreciated. We also want to express our sincerest gratitude to Dawn Schissel for her service and leadership as IAFP Foundation President. In addition, we would like to thank Brent Hoehns for his wisdom, guidance, and service as he steps down as chair of the advocacy committee and PrimCare PAC Chair.

We thank them all for the time, commitment, and passion they have brought to the IAFP. Thank you for serving!



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LAURA BOWSHIER, M.D. NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE IOWA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Laura Bowshier, M.D. of Urbandale was installed as President of the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians at the virtual IAFP Business Meeting and Officer Installation held October 29, 2021.

Dr. Bowshier will serve a one-year term as IAFP President and will represent the IAFP at state and national family medicine leadership and legislative events.

Dr. Bowshier completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame. She attended medical school at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. Dr. Bowshier completed her family medicine residency at Genesis Quad Cities Family Medicine Residency in Davenport.

Professionally, Dr. Bowshier has special interests in women's health, eating disorders, mental health, and advocacy. Outside of work, she enjoys quality time with her husband and 3 kids, reading, traveling and being active outdoors.



GET TO KNOW LAURA BOWSHIER, M.D., IAFP 2021-2022 PRESIDENT

1. Why did you pick family medicine?

I chose family medicine because of the ability to form long-lasting, meaningful relationships and to engage my critical thinking skills. There's variety in what each day looks like, but I know I'll always get to connect with people and be intellectually challenged.

2. Favorite part of being a family physician?

I love the connections I get to make with patients, their families, my office team and my colleagues - I'm blessed to be surrounded by fantastic people.

3. Biggest challenge facing family medicine today?

The biggest challenge for family medicine is finding ways to reduce the administrative burden and click counts to allow for increased focus on patient care, as well as continuing to champion for and compensate family physicians for the comprehensive work they do.

4. How do you balance your professional and personal life?

I'm not sure things ever feel fully balanced, but I've gotten better at embracing the pendulum swings and trying to be mentally present where I am. A great team, communication, and boundary setting have helped as well

5. Favorite ice cream flavor?

Jeni's Splendid Kitchen Salted Peanut Butter with Chocolate Flecks

6. Favorite book and/or movie?

I love to read, so this is hard! My favorite books of recent years have been *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman and *This is How it Always Is* by Laurie Frankel

NEW MEMBERS

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WHAT DOCTORS WISH EMPLOYERS KNEW ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES

IAFP Member, Doug Martin, M.D. was recently featured in an article by the AMA titled “What Doctors Wish Employers Knew About Covid-19 Vaccine Mandates” The article can be found here: www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/public-health/what-doctors-wish-employers-knew-about-covid-19-vaccine-mandates.

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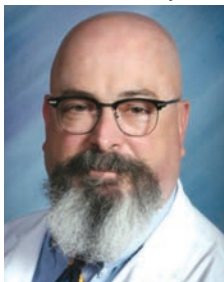
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Don Klitgaard, MD
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Dr. Don Klitgaard will be greatly missed. Dr. Klitgaard served as IAFP President from 2008 to 2009 and was serving as a senior delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates. He was also recognized as an AAFP Boundary Breaker in 2021. In addition, he served on the IAFP Foundation Board for many years and as President of the Foundation from 2015 to 2018. The IAFP will be forever grateful for Dr. Klitgaard's many years of leadership and commitment to organized medicine and in improving the healthcare of Iowans.



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This is a corrected reprint of the milestones that ran in the Fall 2021 Issue that incorrectly listed the cities of some members.

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20 Years

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30 Years

Robin Barnett, DO, MBA, FAAFP,
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40 Years

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50 Years

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60 Years

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- Locating in a practice in a rural Iowa setting under 26,000 population
- Holding membership in the IAFP/AAFP
- Demonstrated scholarship and achievement in medical school
- Completion of the application requirements

Student (M4)

- A medical student graduating from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine or Des Moines University
- Entering an Iowa Family Medicine Residency program in 2022
- Holding membership in the IAFP/AAFP
- Demonstrated scholarship and achievement in medical school
- Completion of the application requirements

Application Requirements

- Write a brief essay explaining your personal philosophy about medical care, in particular family medicine, and outline your intended career plans
- Enclose a curriculum vitae
- Enclose two letters of recommendation from faculty members at the residency program or medical school

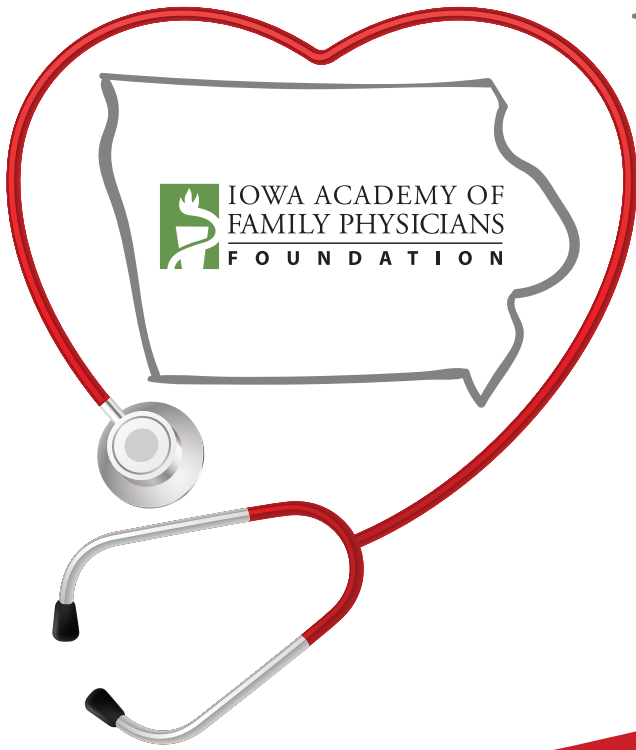
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- Demonstrated scholarship and achievement in medical school. (15%)
- Quality of letters of recommendation. (15%)

The deadline to receive letters is June 15, 2022.

For further information contact Kelly Scallon at the IAFP Foundation office 800-283-9370 or via e-mail at kscallon@iaafp.org.

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