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A Sad Farewell



Susan Anderson, MD, FAAFP passed away March 13, 2024, and left a void in not only the SDAFP, but the larger AAFP community as well.

The AAFP sent a condolence letter to our membership, sharing the work she had done at the national level. I have posted it to our website. To the left: Andrew Ellsworth, MD presented Susan Anderson, MD with the Distinguished Service Award in 2019.

[Click Here to Read Letter](#)

FMCSA Medical Examiner Training Requirements and Alaska CME



The FMCSA has required medical examiners to be part of the national registry if you want to provide DOT medical exams for commercial truck drivers since 2014. Any new or 10 year Medical Examiner providers need to attend a course and take the ME test to be able to provide or continue to provide this service.

I am not sure how the FMCSA is communicating to current DOT ME providers, but what I do know is that if it has been 10 years since you took the test your certification will expire and you will need to do a course and retest. Contact me if you need help finding a course.

Opportunities for CME in Alaska— Since I work with both SDAFP and AKAfp a lot of members ask me when they can come to ALASKA for CME. Here are two opportunities.

ALSO Course: November 9, 2024, Anchorage. Winter Update February 7-9, 2025, Anchorage. There are hundreds of miles of cross country ski trails, the Alyeska ski resort is 40 miles, there are to many winter activities to mention. You will have a great time, but you need to plan now! Reach out to me for more information!

South Dakota Hall of Fame



Tom Dean, MD, FAAFP was recently honored by being inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. Dr. Dean served the city of Wessington Springs for 43 years and has been and continues to be a rural health advocate champion for all of the family medicine community. He held numerous leadership positions throughout his career including serving as the President of the SDAFP. He is the only South Dakota Physician to have served on the National MedPAC Committee that studies and advised congress on matters that affect the Medicare program.

[Click here for more on Tom Dean.](#)

Craig Uthe, MD, FAAFP, SD FDOY (See more on our updated website)



The SDAFP announces that **Craig Uthe, MD, FAAFP** was named SD 2024 Family Doctor of the Year! To read more about Dr. Uthe and his award visit <http://sdafp.org> and click on the link Family Doctor of the Year.

Speaking of our **website** our President Elect **Josh Doorn, MD** and his cousin **James Nguyen**, recently updated our website to give it a refreshing update and make it more compatible for cell phone usage.

If you have any suggestions or things you would like to see added to the site please let me know! Continue to check on our CME link as we will be posting any CME offerings available to our members and we will update it on a regular basis. Check it out at <http://sdafp.org>.

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Special Thanks to Josh Doorn, MD SDAFP President Elect and his cousin James Nguyen for updating our website! If you need help with a website or marketing [Click Here](#) for his information.