

SDAFP News



ABOVE: SDAFP newly installed officers, Jessica Sheer, Student; Carolyn Gilbertson, MD; Jon McAreavey, MD, Margaret Becker, MD; Josh Doorn, MD; Joy Mueller, MD; Collin Dague, DO
RIGHT: Earl Kemp Award Bradly Kamstra, DO presents the Earl Kemp Award to Megan Smith, MD

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Special points of interest

- Did you know that 125 Health Professionals attended the 2024 SDAFP Winter Seminar at The Lodge at Deadwood. They brought over 80 guest including over 40 children!
- We had 50 exhibitor booths including over 80 individual exhibitors at the Winter Seminar.
- We conferred 7 AAFP Fellows at our President’s Reception including: Laura Hoefert, MD; Carolyn Gilbertson, MD; Amy Cook, MD; Blake Gustafson, MD; Margaret Becker, MD; Jesse Niewenhuis, MD; and Craig Uthe, MD.
- We awarded Craig Uthe the 2024 SDAFP Family Doctor of the Year!



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Schriever,
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President's Message

I want to say a few words in **remembrance** of Susan Anderson, MD, FAAFP. She left a huge legacy in SD with regards to Family Medicine. She served on both the state and national levels for over 20 years and was an amazing educator, mentor, and friend to many. She will always be remembered for her vision and leadership with HOSA and with the FARM program at USD. They are creating a scholarship in her name for the Frontier and Rural Medicine program and I would like to ask you to please consider a donation. They can be addressed to USD Foundation, Atten: Gift Processing and sent to 1110 N Dakota St., Vermillion, SD, 57069.

I have truly enjoyed my time serving on the SDAFP Board. These years have helped me understand the value of our state and national organizations and to appreciate what they accomplish for the specialty of family medicine. I encourage all of you to learn more about our advocacy issues so that working together, we can be more effective in our advocacy efforts. ‘

I want to thank Carletta for providing amazing support to the board and our members. Also, a huge **thank you** to Josh Doorn, MD for updating our website. Please check it out!

Finally I want to remind you to take time for yourself and your families. In order to best serve our patients we need to prevent burnout in our own lives. We need to have a good work-life balance and remember to enjoy the little things along the way.

Jennifer Schriever, MD, FAAFP

SDAFP President 2024

Greetings,
It is hard to believe that 2024 is nearly half over. I would like to take this opportunity to **celebrate** some of our members, update you on **advocacy** and **education**, add a note of **remembrance**, and just to say “**Thank you**”.

We **celebrate** Marjorie Heier, MD, FAAFP, as she was awarded the 2024 AAFP Humanitarian of the Year award; Craig Uthe, MD, FAAFP, was chosen as the SDAFP Family Doctor of the Year and Tom Dean, MD, FAAFP, who was inducted into the SD Hall of Fame.

We thank Scott Boyens, MD, FAAFP and Josh Doorn, MD for representing us at the AAFP Family Medicine Advocacy Summit. The **advocacy** the AAFP does on our behalf is meaningful. I attended the FMAS last year where the priorities were step therapy and prior authorization. To learn more about these efforts listen to the podcast Prior Authorization Reform Bill Returns from June 20, 2024, on the Inside Family Medicine Podcast on Spotify.

We have offered several CME opportunities this spring; a Group KSA, the FMCSA Medical Examiner Course, and our winter seminar. The **educational** topics at the winter seminar are useful and diverse. It is always good to meet and visit with so many colleagues from across the state and to be able to put a face to names I am familiar with.

Marjorie Heier, MD, FAAFP

2024 AAFP Humanitarian Of the Year



Steven Furr, MD, FAAFP, Board President of the AAFP sent the following congratulations letter to **Marjorie Heier, MD, FAAFP**. *I am pleased to inform you that the American Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors has selected you as*

the recipient of the AAFP's 2024 Humanitarian Award. Congratulations on this great honor. This award was developed to acknowledge extraordinary and enduring humanitarian efforts, both within and beyond the borders of the United States. We hope the award will encourage AAFP members, their families and their colleagues to assume a sense of global responsibility and will motivate service to others. Throughout your career, you have established yourself as a tireless humanitarian. Your com-

mitment to providing full-spectrum medical care in a limited-resource area and improving the lives of the residents of Zambia is truly remarkable. Serving as the only doctor and the director at Chifundo Rural Health Center, you showcased your ability to integrate into the culture and with local physicians and nurses. Your ingenuity and tenacity were on display as you and your team found ways to provide the center with the needed resources to get it off the ground, leading to the integration of the clinic into the local health care system. Upon returning to the United States, you continued to ensure the center thrived, securing donations to fund the clinic, as well as a malnutrition program and water wells. Your passion for serving others and now returning yearly with residents from South Dakota to train them and the clinic's staff is what family medicine is all about. The Board commends your incredible humanitarian spirit and ability to transform a community's medical future.

Congratulations from your SDAFP Colleagues!

Family Medicine Advocacy Summit Washington, DC

Scott Boyens, MD, FAAFP, Carletta, and I had a good trip to Washington DC as a part of the **AAFP Family Medicine Advocacy Summit (FMAS)**. After a day of prepping on talking points, we were able to meet with **Senator Thune**, as well as staff for **Senator Rounds and Representative Johnson**. We advocated for three main things that the AAFP outlined:

Ability to give Medicare patients all vaccines in clinic.

Extending telehealth access

Interest deferment for residents

We also answered questions that they had regarding Prior Authorizations. **Senator Thune** emphasized the importance of more stability for Medicare reimbursement going forward, which was good to hear. All in all, it was a good trip where we were able to represent the SDAFP. **Josh Doorn, MD, SDAFP President Elect**.

The Match: 4,595 medical students and graduates matched to family medicine residency programs. Here's the breakdown:

1,535 U.S. allopathic medical school (MD) seniors; 1,493 osteopathic medical school (DO) seniors; 749 U.S. international medical graduates (IMGs); 706 foreign IMGs; 68 previous graduates of U.S. MD-granting schools; 44 previous graduates of DO-granting schools

Support the AAFP Foundation and the Family Medicine Chapter Alliance:

The AAFP Foundation has many initiatives to advance family medicine including support of residents and medical students, research, and humanitarian programs. The **Family Medicine Chapter Alliance** is a way for the AAFP Foundation to collaborate with state chapters of AAFP to support grassroots programs. The program uses a portion of the "dues check off" – funds donated when AAFP members pay their dues. Those funds go into a pool that is available for grants each year. State chapters and chapter foundations are invited to apply for small grants to fund projects in member outreach, public health, and student and resident projects. SD received a grant this year to support Birth to Three. We helped purchase books to be distributed as needed in the state of SD.

Please consider donating to the AAFP Foundation when you pay your dues or at any time here and select Chapter Grants as the designation: <https://www.aafpfoundation.org/donate.html>

2024 SDAFP Winter Seminar

The 2024 SDAFP Winter Seminar, our premier CME event was held January 27-29 at the Lodge at Deadwood with over 100 physicians, residents and medical students in attendance. Along with great physician attendance we had 50 exhibitors. Our exhibit room was robust and loaded with information. We spent an evening with the exhibitors and it was a carnival! We had 32.25 AAFP CME Credits available to attendees along with 20 ABFM MOC Credits. **I am going to let the pictures do the talking!**



**Picture you and your family here next year!
Save the date: January 30—February 1, 2025**

Craig Uthe, MD, FAAFP, 2024 SDAFP FDOY



Craig Uthe, MD, FAAFP was named **SDAFP Family Doctor of the Year** at the 2024 SDAFP Winter Seminar in January. Dr. Uthe has been employed at Sanford Health for the past 30+ years, and in addition to practicing full-spectrum family medicine for the majority of those years, he has been a mentor and resource to many of his colleagues within the Sanford system and across the region. Over time his interests and influence have expanded in many directions. Areas in which he has branched out include health system and state medical association leadership roles, chronic pain and opioid addiction management, physician coaching, and leadership development, physician professionalism, medical student teaching and well-being coaching, and physician impairment assistance. His present work in training future physicians through the USD Sanford School of Medicine continues to be a real passion of his.

Pictured above: Steve Furr, MD, FAAFP along with his spouse Lisa, Joyce Uthe and Craig Uthe, MD, FAAFP

ADVOCACY UPDATE:

Colleagues I had the honor of representing you during the 2024 Legislative session as the SDAFP Lobbyist. I wanted to give you a recap of the session. The major piece of legislation was a bill to reshape the Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners. The current Board is made up of nine members, 7 of which are Physicians. That board oversees a number of other Medical Disciplines. If you recall the legislature granted the Physical Therapists a separate board. The Physicians Assistants want to be independent of the SDBOME and have their own board. Each board established requires staffing and expense that cannot always be made up by the licensing fees. Governor Noem is not a fan of expanding government, so she instructed the Secretary of Health to come up with a plan to give the disciplines governed by the Board more input in decisions. The original plan called for a Board of 15 with the same number of Physician members. This was not acceptable to Physicians because it allowed non Physicians to be involved in the potential disciplinary actions of Physicians. A compromise was struck and there will be 9 Physicians on the 15 member board and only Physicians will determine the disciplinary action on Physicians. Another Physician will be added to the current new members in July when the new law takes effect. The way members are selected does give one concerns because the members serve at the pleasure of the Governor. We will see.

Several Vaccine Bills were defeated. Lots of Compact bills were passed. These are believed to make it easier for various practitioners to get licensed in SD in hopes we increase our numbers. Some work done on aiding longterm care facilities with technology. There was legislation passed to allow non physician clinicians to serve as the Medical Directors of Ambulance services. Rural services struggle to find Physicians willing to provide that leadership. Physicians groups spoke against this change. Maybe we need to step up in our rural communities and take on these roles. This legislation was modified and passed.

Dan's Opinion. It is becoming more apparent to me that legislators have agendas related to controlling medical care they may not agree with or fit their definition of what is appropriate. I also understand there are Physicians who would agree with some of that sentiment. I believe the legislature should stay out of the exam room and allow that Patient and their trusted Physician to make the best decisions for their care or the care of their family. end of opinion.

One more thing. This last primary election saw many good legislators defeated by what I will call "fringe" candidates. The turnout was very low in those districts and tensions were high about Pipe lines and Property owners rights. That caused many good legislators with knowledge and understanding of our issues to be defeated. The 2025 and 2026 legislature will be very different and challenging. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you and our discipline in Pierre .

Dan Heinemann, MD FAAFP, Lobbyist SDAFP



The American Board of Family Medicine Update

The ABFM has made a change to the requirements for its diplomates to maintain their board certification. This is a result of the American Board of Medical Specialties continuing certification standard that states: "Member boards must determine an interval no longer than five years of whether a Diplomate is meeting continuing certification requirements to retain each certificate." There will be no change in the fee you currently pay to the ABFM. It will remain \$200 per year.

If you are currently in your 10 year cycle nothing will change for you until it is time for you to renew. If you are due to **renew in 2025** you will automatically transition into the 5 year cycle. You will need to determine if you want to do the longitudinal questions (25 questions per quarter for 4 years), or if you would prefer to take the 300 question test every 5 years. Either way you will still need 60 Maintenance of Certification Credits and 200 CME Credits in each 5 year cycle. We will continue to offer Group KSA's to meet the MOC requirements.

If you need help navigating this change please reach out to carletta@sdafp.org and she will help you!



NCCL Key Highlights:

I recently had the opportunity to attend the 2024 AAFP National Conference of Constituency Leaders (NCCL) in Kansas City, representing the LGBTQ+ constituency group. The event was a vibrant gathering of diverse voices from across the nation, focusing on issues and initiatives relevant to our community.

1. **Engaging Sessions:** Attended sessions that addressed the unique health challenges faced by LGBTQ+ individuals, including mental health, access to care, and specific medical needs. Participated in workshops that discussed the latest research and advancements in LGBTQ+ healthcare.
2. **Networking Opportunities:** Connected with other healthcare professionals who are passionate about improving LGBTQ+ health. Exchanged ideas and best practices for creating inclusive and supportive healthcare environments.
3. **Policy and Advocacy:** Engaged in discussions on policy changes needed to protect and enhance the rights of LGBTQ+ patients and healthcare providers. Contributed to resolutions aimed at promoting equity and reducing disparities within the healthcare system.
4. **Inspirational Speakers:** Listened to inspiring talks from leaders and advocates in the LGBTQ+ community who shared their experiences and insights. Gained valuable perspectives on the intersection of healthcare and LGBTQ+ rights.
5. **Community Building:** Strengthened the sense of community within the LGBTQ+ constituency group, fostering a supportive network for future collaboration. Celebrated the progress made while acknowledging the work still needed to achieve full equality in healthcare.

Overall, the AAFP NCCL conference was an enriching experience that reinforced the importance of advocacy, education, and community in advancing the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ individuals. I returned with renewed energy and a deeper commitment to making a positive impact in my practice and beyond.

To learn more about specific outcomes from this year's conference, please go to:
<https://www.aafp.org/news/inside-aafp/2024-nccl-resolutions.html>.

Jesse Nieuwenhuis, M.D., FAAFP
Dell Rapids, South Dakota

Consider attending NCCL next year to represent SDAFP as one of the AAFP Constituencies. Women; BIPOC; New Physicians; IMGs; LGBTQ+



SAVE THE DATES

Join me in ALASKA

2025 AKAFP Winter Update

February 7-9, 2025

The Captain Cook Hotel, Anchorage, AK

You can earn over 25 CME Credits

ALSO Course Saturday November 9, 2024, Anchorage, AK

This course will be worth 8 CME Credits



Contact carletta@sdafp.org for more details



SDAFP 2025 Winter Seminar

January 30-February 1, 2025

The Lodge at Deadwood, Deadwood, SD

We will offer over 25 CME Credits and 20 MOC Credits during this 3 day conference. We will have a lot of time for you to socialize with your colleagues and to spend time on the slopes of Terry Peak with your family!

Get your hotel room now because they will sell out and then there is nothing we can do!!

Last year we had over 100 attendees and 50 exhibitors. Don't Miss Out!

605-584-4800 Book your rooms now at The Lodge at Deadwood.



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, ACCESS
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Behavioral Health Education, Access and Management for South Dakota (BEAM-SD)

The mission of BEAM-SD is to increase access to behavioral health care for youth (0-21) by increasing the capacity of primary care providers and school-based professionals to screen, diagnose, treat, and refer youth with behavioral health conditions across South Dakota. This is done through BEAM-SD programs' free statewide teleconsultation, training, resources, and referral services which are designed to mitigate workforce shortages of behavioral

health professionals due to the rising children's mental health crisis. BEAM-SD is South Dakota's Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program. Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Programs are carried out across the country.

The SDAFP will be working with BEAM SD to bring continuing medical education to it's members regarding pediatric and adolescent mental health. We will also have a link on our website to all the valuable information available through BEAM SD and it's partnerships. For more information go to our website at <http://sdafp.org/resources>.

If you are not receiving emails on a regular basis from the SDAFP and you want to stay informed please email carletta@sdafp.org and let me know.

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Thank you 2024 SDAFP Winter Seminar Exhibitors!

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Center for Family Medicine	Amgen	Pfizer X 3	Sanford Laboratories
USD Geriatric Fellowship	Astellas	Dakota Radiology	Sanford Health
Health Link State of SD	Avera	Dakota Vascular	Make a Wish
Rapid City Medical Center	Daiichi Sanyo	Exact Science	Bayer
Monument Health	Delta Dental	Immunize SD	Zynex Medical
Prairie Lakes Hospital	Eli Lilly	Inari Medical	Johnson & Johnson
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