

South Dakota Academy of Family Physicians

SDAFP News



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Dear SDAFP Members,

We continue to navigate interesting times in medicine—marked by constant change and evolving challenges. Yet through it all, family physicians remain at the forefront. In moments of uncertainty, our patients look to us for guidance, support, and stability, and you continue to rise to that responsibility every day.

This year, Dr. Margaret Becker and Dr. Jennifer Schriever represented the South Dakota Academy of Family Physicians at the Family Medicine Advocacy Summit, and Dr. Jason Wickersham and Dr. Jason Knudson represented us at the AAFP Congress of Delegates, with Dr. Margaret Becker and Dr. Jon McAreavey serving as alternate delegates. Their engagement reflects the strength and dedication of our membership. I am continually impressed by the accomplishments of our members and the exceptional care you provide to patients across South Dakota.

I am truly excited for the opportunities the coming year holds for our specialty and our organization, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual conference in Deadwood this January.

It has been an honor to serve as president. I am deeply grateful to Dr. Schriever for her leadership before me, and I am confident that Dr. Becker will lead us with vision and energy in the year ahead.

Thank you for all that you do.

Warm regards,
Joshua M. Doorn, MD

On the cover:

Jason Wickersham, MD, FAAFP,

Jason Knudson, MD, FAAFP,

Margaret Becker, MD, FAAFP,

Jon McAreavey, MD

These four physicians represented the SDAFP at the 2025 AAFP Congress of Delegates.

Many issues were discussed and voted on including resolutions on artificial intelligence, Medicare coverage for obesity and hearing loss, and protecting loan forgiveness programs. Delegates also addressed issues such as maternity deserts, sexually transmitted infection guidelines, and health disparities for autistic patients.

Additionally new officers were elected, including Sarah Nosal, MD, FAAFP who is now AAFP President.

Dr. Nosal will be attending the SDAFP Winter Seminar on January 29-31, 2026, and would be happy to visit with you and hear your concerns during our social times. If you would like to schedule one on one time with her while she is in SD, please let Carletta know.



AK Students Jocelyn Waggoner and Anna Warnock and SD Students Grace-lyn Wager and Alison Gisi at FUTURE.

The **SDAFP** is proud to support the next generation of physicians by sponsoring **12 medical students** to attend the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City. This annual event, now called “**AAFP Future**”- is on of the most energizing and influential gatherings for students exploring their career path.

For many attendees, the conference is the moment when their interest in family medicine comes into clear focus. Students have the opportunity to network with residents and faculty from programs across the country, participate in hands-on clinical workshops, explore leadership opportunities within the AAFP, and connect with organizations that champion primary care.

By investing in student attendance, SDAFP is helping ensure that South Dakota continues to grow a strong, committed family medicine workforce. The conference experience encourages students to imagine themselves in a specialty grounded in **continuity of care, community impact and life-long relationships with patients.**

Several past SDAFP-sponsored students have shared that this event solidified their decision to pursue family medicine-citing the welcoming culture, mentorship opportunities, and the chance to meet South Dakota preceptors and residency programs face-to-face.

Supporting student involvement is central to SDAFP’s mission. By creating these formative experiences, the Academy continues to cultivate the next generation of compassionate family physicians who will serve the communities across the state for years to come.

The **SDAFP** celebrated **75 Years** in **2025** and would like to thank the following individuals who gave a gift to the **SDDFM** to help support sending our medical students to **FUTURE**!

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Fred Thanel, MD, FAAFP
Victoria Walker, MD, FAAFP
Alese Fox, MD
Mary Jo Olson, MD
3 Anonymous

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Rod Zimmerman, MD
Jason and Rebecca Knudson, MD’s
Brad Kamstra, MD
Jason Wickersham, MD, FAAFP
2 Anonymous

\$700 +

Lisa Brown, MD
Anastasia Searcy, MD

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 two grants this year. We received \$1,750 to help support sending SD students to FUTURE as mentioned in the article above and SD received a grant this year to support HOSA. We gave scholarships to the top two winners of the HOSA Family Medicine Event. \$500 and \$250 went to help fund their trip to complete at the national HOSA conference. 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> Thank you for all you do to shape the future of family medicine!

Join Us in Deadwood for the 2026 SDAFP Winter Seminar!

January 29–31, 2026 • The Lodge at Deadwood

The South Dakota Academy of Family Physicians invites you to join colleagues from across the region for our 2026 SDAFP Winter Seminar, held January 29–31 at the beautiful Lodge at Deadwood. This annual gathering has become a cornerstone event for family physicians, residents, and students—bringing together education, camaraderie, and winter fun in one of South Dakota’s most unique destinations.

This year’s program features 17 outstanding speakers, hands-on workshops, practical clinical updates, and interactive sessions designed with the busy family physician in mind. Whether you’re looking to sharpen procedural skills, learn about emerging trends in family medicine, reconnect with colleagues, or simply reset and recharge in the Black Hills, the Winter Seminar has something for everyone.

Highlights include:

- Three full days of high-quality CME tailored to real-world primary care
Pre-conference ALSO Course on Wednesday January 28, 2026
- An ACLS Mock Code Workshop, providing valuable team-based clinical practice
- Engaging keynote sessions from respected experts
- Our robust Exhibit Room Social
- Networking opportunities with colleagues, exhibitors, and SDAFP/AAFP leadership

The Lodge at Deadwood offers the perfect setting for learning and connection—with comfortable guest rooms, beautiful views, outstanding hospitality, and plenty of activities for families. Many attendees bring spouses and children to enjoy the pool, nearby outdoor recreation, and the charm of historic Deadwood.

If you’ve never attended the SDAFP Winter Seminar, this is the year to join us. And if you’ve been part of this tradition for years, we can’t wait to welcome you back.

Go to <http://sdafp.org/winter-seminar> to register now!! Mark your calendar, invite a colleague, and plan now to join us January 29–31 for an energizing, educational, and truly enjoyable weekend in the Black Hills. We look forward to seeing you in Deadwood!



2026 SDAFP Winter Seminar

Wednesday	Pre-Conference ALSO Course	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
1/28/26	Early Registration 7:00-9:00 PM	Social in the registration area
Thur 1/29/26	6:00-7:00 AM Breakfast for REGISTERED ATTENDEES	
7:00-8:00 AM	<i>One Question Away: Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk in Primary Care</i>	Mary Kurniawan, CPS-PIP
8:00-9:00	<i>Reducing Pain and Maintaining Function in the Elderly Elderly Fitness Screen- Benefits for Athletic Seniors</i>	Becca Jordre, PT, DPT, PhD
9:00-9:30	Exhibitor Break	
9:30-10:30	Effective Strategies in Obesity Medicine for Primary Care	Leigh Perreault, MD, FACE, FACP Jennifer Schriever, MD, FAAFP
10:30-11:00	Exhibitor Break	
11:00-12:00	<i>Genicular Artery Embolism: A Minimally Invasive Option for Knee Osteoarthritis Pain Management</i>	Jeff Wilsons, MD, FSCAI and Tom Wilson, MD, FSCAI
12:00-1:00	Lunch/Annual Meeting	
1:00-4:00 PM	Heart Disease KSA	Dan Reiffenberger, MD, FAAFP Sarah Reiffenberger, MD FAAFP
4:00-5:00	<i>Future Proof Your Finances: Insurance Tips and Wealth Wisdom for Physicians</i>	Jered Hunt, MBA AAFP Insurance
5:00 -7:00 PM	Social in Exhibit Room	
Fri 1/30/26	Breakfast 6:00-7:00 AM	
7:00-8:00 AM	<i>Recognizing the Right Time; A Guide to Vascular Surgery Referrals</i>	Frank Vandy, MD
8:00-9:00	<i>The Scope of Neurointerventional Practice as it Relates to Primary Care</i>	Karan Topiwala, MD
9:00-9:30	Exhibit Break	
9:30-10:30	<i>Best Practices to Beat the Cardio-Renal-Metabolic Triangle</i>	Nicolas Limogiannis, MD
10:30-11:15	<i>Cradle to Crib: Statewide Strategies For Maternal and Infant Wellbeing</i>	Melissa Magstadt, APRN/ Denise Hanisch, MD
11:15-12:00	<i>Diagnosis and Treatment of Irritable Bowel Syndrome</i>	Margaret Goodman Becker, MD
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-4:00 PM	<i>Sharpening Your Code Response: ACLS Mock Scenarios</i>	Darrel Brimm, BSN, RN and Monument Health AHA Ed. Team
5:30-7:30	President's Reception/ Kids Meal separate	Children's Movie 5:30-7:30
7:30-9:30	Family Fun	
Sat 1/31/26	Breakfast 6:00-7:00	
7:00 – 7:45 AM	<i>Targeting Pain at the Source: Interventional Techniques Every Family Physician Should Know</i>	Tyler Ptacek, MD
7:45– 8:45	<i>Blood Based Clarity: Navigating An Alzheimer's Diagnosis With Confidence</i>	Brianna Wynne, MD, FAAFP Ariel Cole, MD, CMD, FAAFP
8:45-9:00	Break	
9:00-10:00	<i>Infant Feeding Milestones: Research and insights on breastfeeding support, dietary diversity, and tackling trickier textures in infant feeding</i>	Katie Ferraro, MPH, RDN
10:00-11:00	<i>"Pruritus, Intertrigo, and More: How to Not Get Lost in the "Folds."</i>	Mary Logue, MD
11:00-12:00	<i>Menopause & Midlife Metabolism Changes</i>	Kat Fausch, MD
12:00-1:00	<i>Exact Sciences Non-CME Product Theater and Lunch</i>	
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Care of Older Adults Group KSA	Kyle Adams, DO

Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending.
(This conference will be worth over 30 AAFP CME Credits and 20 MOC ABFM Credits)

AAFP Speak Out Opportunities

Source: The American Academy of Family Physicians

The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Speak Out tool enables you to directly contact your state officials, members of Congress, or the Office of the President on the issues that matter most to primary care.

Following are the active Speak Out campaigns you can use to amplify your voice and help shape the future of family medicine:

[Speak Out: Urge Congress to Support the Newly Reintroduced Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act](#)

[Speak Out: Tell Your Lawmakers to Support Pro-Primary Care Reforms in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule](#)

[Speak Out: Support H-1B Physicians](#)

[Speak Out: Urge Congress to Protect PSLF for Family Physicians](#)

[Speak Out: Tell Congress to Extend ACA Tax Credits](#)

[Speak Out: Oppose ECAPS Act and Protect Physician-Led Primary Care](#)

[Speak Out: Secure Long-Term Funding for THCGME, CHCs, and NHSC](#)

[Speak Out: Make Telehealth Flexibilities Permanent](#)

[Speak Out: Strengthen Funding for Primary Care Priorities](#)

[Speak Out: Defend Vaccine Science and Public Health](#)

[Speak Out: Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Reauthorization Act](#)

[Speak Out: Tell Congress to Support Direct Primary Care.](#)

SDAFP 2026 Winter Seminar
January 29-31, 2026
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!
Pre-Conference ALSO Course Thursday January 28, 2026



*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 40 exhibitors. Don't Miss Out!
605-584-4800 Book your rooms now at The Lodge at Deadwood.*

2026– South Dakota Family Doctor of the Year – 2026
Now Accepting Nominations

The deadline date for nominations is December 31, 2025

Criteria for Selection:

- A. Nominee must be an active member of the SDAFP, holding this membership for at least 15 years.
- B. Nominee must be and have been actively engaged as a family physician in South Dakota, a majority of which time must have been in active practice.
- C. Nominee must be certified and hold a current recertification certificate from the American Board of Family Practice.
- D. Nominee must be of good moral quality and standing, and hold an unrestricted license to practice medicine in South Dakota.
- E. Nominee must be an active member of at least one hospital staff.

Other criteria for selection may include:

Medical Student and/or Resident Teaching; Publications; Clinical research; Other medical society activities; Community service; Public service; Religious activities; Family activities; Philanthropy

Completed Nominations Must Include: 1. A nominating letter of no more than two pages, setting out the reasons why this individual is worthy of consideration. 2. A current curriculum vitae

Previous winners are not eligible for nomination.

2026 Registered SDAFP Winter Seminar Exhibitors as of 12/3/2025

Pain Movement Solutions	Abbott	AstraZeneca X 2	Sanford Health Equip
Center for Family Medicine	Amgen	Pfizer X 2	Sanford Laboratories
USD Geriatric Fellowship	ABFM	Dakota Radiology	Sanford Health
Health Link State of SD	Delta Dental	Dakota Vascular	Sanford Health Plans
Medical Learning Institute	Eli Lilly	Boehringer Ingelheim	Pipestone County Medical Center
Monument Health	Exact Sciences	Novo Nordisk	Monument Health
Prairie Lakes Hospital	Otsuka	Exact Science	SpringWork Therapeutics
SD Beef Industry/Check Off	HOSA	Bristol Myers Squibb	AAFP Prime Registry
Vascular and Interventional Specialist of Sioux Land	Avera	Make A Wish	