

# aafp Resident Student newsletter

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## NCFPR AND NCSAM DRAW RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Promoting patient education was of primary interest to residents at the National Conference of Family Practice Residents (NCFPR) and the National Conference of Student Affiliate Members (NCSAM) last month in Kansas City.

More than 275 residents and students attended the NCFPR-NCSAM conference, where they pushed for a positive approach to public health education.

Citing the "DOC" (Doctors Ought to Care) and "Superhealth 79" programs now being implemented in Miami and South Carolina, the NCFPR passed a resolution urging the AAFP to charge its Commission on Public Health and Scientific Affairs and Public Relations Committee to establish and promote positive public health education on national and local levels. The NCFPR also urged strong support and funding for such programs.

On that note, the residents adopted a resolution calling for an end to cigarette sales within health care facilities and strict enforcement of policies against smoking in those facilities. They urged the AAFP to commend those magazines and newspapers that have refused to accept cigarette advertising and to circulate a list of those publications to Academy members. The NCFPR also passed a resolution asking the AAFP to establish a Committee on Minority Affairs.

The NCSAM passed a resolution urging all medical schools to require a full time behavioral science faculty position throughout the residency training experience. The students also recommended that all AAFP commissions and committees have student representation.

All resolutions are expected to be presented to the Congress of Delegates by NCFPR and NCSAM delegates.

The residents also accepted the following charges, most of which will be presented to the Committee on Resident and Student Affairs (CRSA): 1) Request the AAFP Board of Directors to promote research at the Scientific Assembly and increase the total available funds so more residents may actively report and display research at the Assembly; 2) Encourage AAFP members to write articles for widely read "lay" publications which accurately address health issues; 3) Establish the groundwork to allow for a budget for future task forces; 4) Establish an active liaison with the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association; 5) Appoint a subcommittee on state organizations and urge the AAFP to appoint a staff person to work with that committee; 6) Urge the AAFP to update and expand current state organization packets to include sample constitutions, newsletters, program ideas, speakers and a list of state "experts;" 7) Urge the Board to help establish state government financial support of family practice residencies, especially where no state support currently exists; 8) Establish and develop a "resource library" of information for use in patient/public education campaigns; 9) Urge the Residency Review Committee for Family Practice (RRC) to charge residency programs to report their academic status to prospective and present residents and to identify where residents may call for help when a program is in trouble and the program director will not respond; 10) Develop a task force regarding the future funding for graduate and undergraduate education; 11) Gather a packet on national health insurance; 12) Select a resident liaison to the AAFP/NMA joint task force on inner city health care; 13) Urge the AAFP Board of Directors to find an alternate family practice symbol which more realistically represents family physicians and the varieties of their practices.

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In other business residents and students elected their respective chairmen and delegates for 1980. Dr. Doug Henley of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill is the new resident chairman; and Marla Tobin of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, will serve as the NCSAM's first woman chairman.

Resident delegates are Bob Urata, University Hospital, Seattle, Wash., and Phyllis Hollenbeck, St. Joseph Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y. The NCSAM elected Herb Young, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine, and Sylvia Corral of Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, Calif., as its delegates.

Dr. Cynda Johnson, a third-year resident at the University of Kansas, was re-elected to represent the NCFPR on the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine's Board of Directors.

Three residents were selected as nominees for the resident position on the Residency Review Committee for Family Practice. They are: Dr. Chava Zimmerman, Brookdale Family Practice Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dr. Ivan Alkes, St. Joseph Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz., and Dr. David Mirkin, San Bernardino, Calif.

## SHOPPING FOR A FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY?

Do family practice residents admit their own patients? How much responsibility do they have on other services? What are their on-call duties? How many women residents are there? Minorities? FMGs? Does the program use physician assistants? How many full-time MD faculty members? Are there other health professional faculty/staff available? How long do residents spend in the family practice center per week, per year? How many patients do they usually see per half day in the family practice center? How many conferences are there for residents? What rotations are required and for how long?

Answers to questions such as these used to be available only by interviewing at the residency sites. Now the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Medical Student Association have provided the answers to these and many other questions in the Directory of Family Practice Residencies. Let us help you find a residency best suited to your needs by giving you this information before you set up your interviews.

The directory is \$4 to AAFP and AMSA members (include your membership number), and \$8 to non-members.

Send to Membership Director, AMSA, P.O. Box 131, 14650 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 22021

## YOUR OPINIONS ARE REQUESTED

The *Resident/Student Newsletter* will begin its fourth year of publication this January. The need for such a communications mechanism was first formally defined by the 1975 NCFPR. The request was approved by the Committee on Resident and Student Affairs, the Publication Committee and the Academy's Board of Directors. The *Newsletter* began publication in January 1977 as a four-page insert in the *AAFP Reporter*. For the first two years, it was published on a quarterly basis.

Last year, the Board approved a request from the Publication Committee and the CRSA to publish *R/S Newsletter* six times per year, rather than four, for a trial period of one year. That trial period will end this December, and it is time for us to make a recommendation to the Board regarding whether there is sufficient need to continue publication on a bi-monthly basis.

To obtain your opinions and suggestions, we have developed a brief questionnaire. Its purpose is twofold. First, we need feedback about the frequency of publication in order to make a report to the Board of Directors. Secondly, those of us at Headquarters who coordinate *R/S Newsletter* need your help in evaluating the publication, to see if it is meeting the needs of its readers.

In order to make *R/S Newsletter* effective and useful, we at Headquarters need to know your opinions, suggestions, criticisms and comments. Therefore we urge you to complete this questionnaire and return it to Academy Headquarters. We look forward to hearing from you.