



CAFP's Vision & Mission Statements

- CAFP Vision Statement
- The CAFP is the indispensable organization to make Colorado the healthiest place to live and the most successful state to practice family medicine.
- CAFP Mission Statement
- The mission of the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians is to help Family Physicians thrive so that together we can create a healthier Colorado.

CAFP Membership

- 1,800 Members including 1,300 Active Practicing Family Physicians
- 75% of the primary care doctors in rural Colorado are Family Physicians.

WHAT IS A FAMILY PHYSICIAN?

- Physicians who specialize in Family Medicine complete seven years of training after college.
 - Four years of medical school
 - Three years in a residency program

Training includes

- Care for all ages from newborns and children to the elderly
- Care for chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma
- Emergency medical care
- Mental health & behavioral care
- Well-woman care, reproductive counseling & family planning
- Ear, nose, and throat care
- Eye care
- Bone and joint care
- Pregnancy and delivery care

The Patient-Physician Relationship

- Research shows that people who have an ongoing relationship with a primary care physician have better overall health outcomes, lower death rates and lower total costs of care.

Ted Epperly, MD, President, AAFP

- › "... the solution is to rebuild primary care in the United States so that doctors have the time to be doctors and patients receive the right care at the right time in the right place. And the best vehicle for rebuilding the U.S. health care system is the patient-centered medical home."

John Bender, MD, Ft. Collins President, CAFP

- › "The good news for legislators is this: Medicine does not need a federal bailout! In fact, we can actually spend less nationally on health care, and achieve better outcomes. We simply need to spend the money differently, front loading primary care and paying for the Patient Centered Medical Home."

What is a Patient-Centered Medical Home

- › An approach to providing high quality, safe, continuous, coordinated, comprehensive care, with a partnership between patients and their personal healthcare team.

Joint Principles of the Patient Centered Medical Home

- › Personal physician
- › Physician directed medical team
- › Whole person orientation
- › Care is coordinated and/or integrated
- › Quality and safety
- › Enhanced access
- › Enhanced payment

The need for primary care

- › The experience of medical care in Massachusetts showed people had mandatory health insurance, but no access to primary care because the primary care base had been eroded by declining support for training primary care physicians. Primary care is the building block for cost effective health care reform.

Colorado Academy of Family Physicians programs

- › Continuing Medical Education including conferences and webinars
- › Patient Centered Medical Home Projects
- › Doctor of the Day program at the Capitol
- › Immunization Initiative
- › Disaster Preparedness
- › Tar Wars – anti-tobacco education for children
- › Advocacy