

American Family Physician Editor Announces Decision to Step Down



After nearly 30 years of dedicated service as Editor of *American Family Physician*, Jay Siwek, MD, announced that he will step down, effective January 31, 2018. Dr. Siwek took over the editorial reins in 1988, after first serving as an associate medical editor of *AFP* for seven years. With his knowledge, clinical skills, and devotion to outstanding patient care, he has led a team of medical editors to make *AFP* the best read journal in primary care.

The American Academy of Family Physicians seeks to continue its strong tradition of publishing this highly respected, professional CME journal by launching a national search for the next Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of *AFP*. An experienced and visionary leader, the EIC has overall responsibility for the scientific and clinical content of the journal, including the development of the journal curriculum; solicitation of authors and articles; acceptance or rejection of manuscripts; recruitment of reviewers; clinical editing; correspondence with authors and reviewers; development of regular columns and departments; and development of blogs, podcasts, videos, and other journal brand extensions.

With assistance from a team of assistant and associate editors, the EIC is ultimately responsible for the relevance, accuracy, and depth of information presented in the journal or as an extension of the journal brand, and for maintaining an extensive backlog of articles to permit the production of balanced issues.

The EIC, a board-certified family physician and member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, will most likely hold an academic appointment at a medical school or residency and also have direct patient care responsibilities. For more information, and to obtain a copy of the EIC's complete job description, please visit <http://www.aafp.org/AFP/EICsearch>.



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