

American Family Physician Editorial Board Resident & Student Representatives

2025 Annual Report

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Purpose & Scope of Work

- Promote engagement and awareness of the AFP journal among residents and medical students through the use of social media apps, specifically X and Instagram.
- The AFP medical student and resident representatives support the outreach of *AFP* to medical students and residents to improve the visibility and rigor of the largest and most expansive medical specialty.
- In collaboration with the editorial team of the AFP journal, participate in various projects to improve awareness of and engagement with the journal and the resources on the AFP website, and learn about medical writing and the editorial process.

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Actions:

- AFP Orientation to Editing and Publication: Working with Dr. Sexton, reviewed the process of evaluating and editing manuscript submissions and the editorial workflow that leads to publication in the journal.
- Social media related to AFP: Developed original content for the AFP journal's social media accounts to promote AFP resources to medical students and residents.
- Other ideas to engage students and residents: Developed and implemented an
 Instagram contest to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the AFP journal, providing an
 opportunity for one medical student and one resident to attend the FUTURE Conference
 in Kansas City. In the future, the medical student and resident representatives will
 continue to work with the AFP Editorial Board on the Annual Photo Contest.
- FUTURE Conference attendance: Attending the FUTURE Conference in Kansas City to promote the AFP journal, celebrate the 75th Anniversary of publication, and promote the medical student and resident AFP Editorial Board Representative roles to medical students and residents in attendance.
- Review videos for AFP YouTube channel: Reviewed educational, clinically-oriented videos submitted to AFP for publication on the journal's Youtube channel.
- AFP Community blog: Working with the editorial team to write blog posts for publication on the AFP Community Blog.
- Diary of a Family Physician: Potential to be a guest contributor.
- Editors' Meeting: Review AFP editorial direction and projects
- Peer Review/Edit manuscript(s): After orientation to the editorial and publication process, worked with Dr. Sexton to review an original manuscript submission, including researching content and providing detailed feedback on the content and structure of the manuscript.
- AFP Podcast: Turned snippets of the AFP podcast into short-form videos for Instagram with Dr. Jake Anderson and Dr. Steve Brown
- Clinical Practice Guidelines writing opportunity in collaboration with Dr. Mike Arnold and the AFP Medical Editing Fellow.

What did we learn?

- AFP Orientation to Editing and Publication: Learned about the editorial process including processing and reviewing manuscripts, investigating sources, learning writing style and etiquette, and making recommendations to improve manuscripts.
- Social media related to AFP: Learned about creating engaging content across various

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- forms of media that promotes the resources of the AFP journal and website to medical students and residents.
- Other ideas to engage students and residents: Learned about developing a contest to engage medical students and residents via social media channels and the logistical and legal requirements to execute it.
- FUTURE attendance and networking including attending educational workshops and promoting the resources and work of AFP to medical students and residents
- Video for AFP YouTube channel review: Learned about critically reviewing video submissions for the AFP Youtube channel.
- AFP blog: Learned about crafting content for a blog format that meets the editorial and style aims of the AFP Community Blog
- Diary of a Family Physician: Potential guest contributor
- Editors' Meeting: Learned about the editorial process and the roles of the various members of the editorial team.
- Practice Guidelines writing opportunity: Will learn about reviewing clinical practice guidelines published by other medical societies/organizations to summarize and publish for AFP readers.