



FamMedPAC Resident Board Member 2023 Annual Report

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Purpose & Scope of Work

FamMedPAC is the American Academy of Family Physicians' federal political action committee. I am the resident member on the Advisory Board there. We advocate for family physicians and our patients in Washington DC by helping to elect congressional candidates who support the AAFP's legislative goals and objectives. Annually, we also put on a conference where Family Physicians gather from around the nation to lobby at Capitol Hill for our patients and physicians.

Activities & Achievements

As the FamMedPAC Board, we just hosted the AAFP's Family Medicine Advocacy Conference (FMAS 2023). At FMAS, we had a three day conference to discuss national policies at hand affecting our practices today, and a forum to discuss them with leaders such as the CEO of Medicare, Admiral Rachel Levine, Congresswoman Caraveo. We discussed relevant and important topics such as increasing Medicare reimbursement, streamlining prior authorizations, and continuing funding for rural health care residency programs. We were able to empower new advocates, and specifically students and residents, in tailored seminars. In fact, at least half of the student and resident advocates were first-timers and of all the Family Physicians who went to Capitol Hill, at least a quarter were students and residents. For example, in the California delegation, $\frac{2}{3}$ were residents. The conference peaked on Tuesday, May 23rd when the FamMedPAC arranged the meetings with the Family Physicians at the conference with our House Representatives and Senators about reimbursing Family Physicians fairly to prevent clinics from closing down, and decreasing administrative burden of prior authorizations and step down therapy to improve patient outcomes and treatment.

Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on FamMedPAC Advisory Board

Policy and policymakers have the power to make or break a nation on Capitol Hill. We, as residents and students of Family Medicine can truly make a difference by electing different champions to speak on our behalf in Congress and the Senate. We can gather the strength of our fellow Family Physicians to speak up for our practices and our patients. I truly enjoy encouraging other residents and students, other physicians to be a part of the political process that can affect our lives so deeply. I would encourage any other resident who feels that policy is important for our lives as physicians to join us

next year at FMAS 2024 and for the next resident who is passionate about advocacy on a federal level to join us on the FamMedPAC board next election 2025.

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