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H. Clifton "Clif" Knight, MD, FAAFP, is senior vice president, education. He oversees all organizational activities related to medical education and continuing medical education. These areas include education and training of medical students and residents; student interest in the specialty of family medicine, including federal policies that affect it; and CME curriculum development, production, and accreditation and regulations.

Knight was a family physician in Indiana for nearly 25 years. He served as chief medical and academic officer for Community Health Network in Indianapolis, where he was responsible for patient safety, medical education, research and medical staff support. Knight was previously in private practice in rural Flora, Indiana. In 2011, he was named to the board of trustees for Marian University in Indianapolis. He served on the Admissions Committee for the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, which admitted its inaugural class in August 2013. Knight served in an appointed position on the Indiana Medical Education Board, which oversees state grant funding for family medicine residency programs in Indiana.

A member of the AAFP since 1984, Knight was elected to the board of directors in 2012, a position he has resigned to take on his new role. He has served on numerous commissions and committees. He is a past chair of the Congress of Delegates Reference Committee on Practice Enhancement and the Awards Subcommittee. Knight also served as a delegate or alternate delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates for 12 years.

At the state level, Knight has been an active member of the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians since his first year of medical school in 1984. Since that time, he has served in one or more leadership positions each year, including chapter president and board chair. Knight also has chaired the Indiana AFP's Commissions on Legislation and Education. In 2004, the Indiana AFP awarded Knight the A. Alan Fischer Award for his outstanding contributions to family medicine education. He was Indiana AFP Student of the Year in 1987.

Knight earned his undergraduate degree from Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., and his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine,

Indianapolis. He completed his family medicine residency at Community Health Network in Indianapolis, where he also served one year as chief resident. In addition, Knight completed a Faculty Development Fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. From 1992 to 2007, Knight was a full-time faculty member in the Community Health Network Family Medicine Residency where he most recently served as interim program director.

He is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine and has the AAFP Degree of Fellow, an earned degree awarded to family physicians for distinguished service and continuing medical education