



# AFP Resident and Student Representative 2020 Annual Report

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### Purpose & Scope of Work

*American Family Physician (AFP)* is the editorially independent, peer-reviewed and evidence based clinical journal of the AAFP. Our goal is to provide concise, easy-to-read key clinical review articles for physicians, to promote the speciality of family medicine, and to address pressing topics in family medicine. As the first group of resident and student representatives we have been able to promote resident and student presence in medical writing. Both of us have been fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work alongside extraordinary leaders in medical writing, to learn from them, and to ultimately publish work in *AFP*. We have also found strength in our relationships with renowned editors to be able to bring burgeoning topics of resident interest to the attention of editors. In doing so, as young clinicians in training we have found solace that our interests and perspectives can be heard by the large readership of *AFP*.

### Activities & Achievements

- Initiated a resident and student representative position within *AFP*
- Increased dialogue and interest in *AFP* in the #MedTwitter and #MedStudentTwitter communities
- Joined an episode of *AFP Podcast*
- Wrote and published practice guidelines
- Wrote and published in the *AFP Community Blog*
- Participated on the *AFP* peer-review committee.
- Submitted a presentation proposal to the AAFP National Conference

## Lessons Learned and the Value of Serving on

- Enkhee Tuvshintogs, M.D.

*AFP* is truly a leader in family medicine. So many practicing physicians, residents, and medical students rely on this critical journal for the most up to date and accurate medical knowledge. I also recognized that the journal is an avenue for new thoughts, new topics in medicine to be recognized by a larger population of providers. As a resident within the group, I felt extremely humbled to be at the table, to add input into the topics that could be discussed through the journal.

Working with these leaders of writing in medicine, I was impressed with the extraordinary amount of dedication that the editors and reviewers have to *AFP*. I learned from their incredible work ethic and analytic lens. These incredible physicians and writers gave me the opportunity to participate formally in medical writing. They worked with me one-on-one to create written pieces that would be in the journal as well as the *AFP Community Blog*. It was simply a dream come true and a seed that I hope to continue to grow.

As we are getting closer to the *AAFP National Conference* this year, we are still working with the peer-review committee to promote young physician involvement in medical writing. *AFP* is dedicated to fostering the development of family medicine writers, editors, and reviewers. This could be an opportunity for you to begin your path towards a multi-layered and interesting career in Family Medicine.

- Libby Wetterer, M.D.

I had a really fun time serving as the first student representative to *AFP*. It took a bit of trial and error to figure out what might work for the role and there is still a lot of space for individualization going forward. The role got me back into twitter and showed me just how much research and advocacy work is shared there. Moreover, I learned about medical editing (and got my first real publication) when I worked with a senior editor to write up an update from the *American Academy of Pediatrics* on ADHD. Overall though, my favorite part was getting to go on the *AFP Podcast!* I would recommend anyone interested in evidence based medicine with the ability to work independently to apply!

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