



THE FORMER CORPORATE SEAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS FOUNDATION

The former seal of the AAFP was originally developed in 1966, and served as the official mark of the organization until 2007.

Meaning of the Seal

An explanation of the meaning of the seal:

The *concentric circles* symbolize The Family. They are depicted in graduated widths for adults and younger members.

The *single staff encircled by the serpent* is a symbol given to the Greek God Apollo and his son, Aesculapius, the mythological founder of human medicine, to signify “healing” and “the renewing power of life.” It is the traditional symbol of medicine. The staff of Aesculapius is also found on the official seal of our parent organization, the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The *ancient symbol for The Family* is depicted by the triangular spoked symbol flanked by small circles. They symbolize man with his wife and children. These symbols also surround the inside of the circle in their separate forms.