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Wellsboro doctor named PAFP's "Family Physician of the Year"

(HARRISBURG, PA.) The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians has named Wellsboro's Dr. Edmund Guelig its 2011 "Family Physician of the Year." Dr. Guelig, of Wellsboro Laurel Health Center, has worked for 20 years in the same practice with his wife, Daria.

Dr. Guelig earned his undergraduate and master's degrees in social work from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1976. He was led to family medicine through his desires to care for patients "from cradle to grave," to deal with a diversity of health problems, and to address psychosocial concerns that present themselves as health issues. Dr. Guelig earned his medical degree from West Virginia University in 1988. In 1991, Guelig moved to Wellsboro to start a practice with his wife, enamored of the borough's natural beauty, excellent local hospital and health system, and wonderful community in which to raise the Gueligs' four children. He says that the "rewards and sense of gratification that come from being a family doctor in a small rural community is difficult to describe in words." As one patient said of Guelig, "He is the kindest and most compassionate doctor I have ever met ... When he walks in my room, he makes me feel as though I am the only patient on the planet and he has all the time in the world."

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania primary care doctors) through advocacy and education to ensure a patient-centered medical home for every Pennsylvanian. The Academy and its Foundation are the leading influential resource among family physicians and physicians in training in Pennsylvania; the primary voice on health care issues with state legislative and administrative branches of government, media and professional health organizations; and the leader on health care issues in the community.

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