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Philly doc named president of PAFP **David O’Gurek, MD installed as organization’s 72nd president**

(HARRISBURG, PA. March 20, 2018) David O’Gurek, MD, FAFAP, a family physician and educator in Philadelphia, has been named the 72nd president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP).

O’Gurek, assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Temple University’s Lewis Katz School of Medicine, grew up in the anthracite coal region of Northeastern Pennsylvania in Summit Hill. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree, graduating summa cum laude, from Saint Joseph’s University and completed his medical studies at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), a member of the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

O’Gurek provides comprehensive outpatient family medicine as well as coordinates a medication-assisted therapy (MAT) program for patients with opioid use disorder. He has recently been working with the Philadelphia Department of Health to expand MAT services in Philadelphia and develop comprehensive and innovative strategies to address the opioid crisis.

An engaged member of the PAFP and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) since his student days, O’Gurek recently served as chair of the AAFP’s Commission on Health of the Public and Science, having served on the commission for four years previously and playing numerous roles for the Academy, including coauthoring several of the Academy’s position papers and representing the Academy at the Institute for Medicaid Innovation and the Institute of Medicine. In this capacity, he chaired the AAFP’s Workgroup on Primary Care and Public Health Integration. He has served on the AAFP’s Commission on Membership and Member Services as a resident and the Commission on Governmental Advocacy as a student. Within the PAFP, O’Gurek chaired the Government and Practice Advocacy Committee, serving on the committee dating since his student days. He also served as resident board member and chair of the Resident Assembly.

As president, O’Gurek will act as the PAFP’s spokesman and the face of the family physician community to local, state, and national media. He will be responsible for appointing all standing and special commissions and committees.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports family physicians across the Commonwealth through advocacy and education to ensure physician-coordinated, personalized, and comprehensive quality health care for every Pennsylvanian. The Academy and its Foundation are the leading influential resource among family physicians and physicians in training in Pennsylvania; the voice of family medicine on health care issues with state legislative and administrative branches of government, media and professional health organizations; and a statewide public health policy innovator.

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