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PAFP launches new opioid resource center for family physicians

(HARRISBURG, Pa. Jan. 8, 2019) The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physician has launched a [Pain Management and Opioid Misuse Resource Center](#) as it continues to address the opioid crisis through information and education for its more-than 5,000 member physicians, residents, and students. This resource center contains everything from overviews on various therapies to educational webcasts to help family physicians combat opioid use disorder.

“The PAFP is committed to being a leader in addressing the interwoven public health issues of pain management and the overdose crisis. As such, it is critical to provide our members with evidence-based, up-to-date information to facilitate family physicians serving as advocates and leaders in their practices, health systems, and communities on these topics,” said PAFP President David O’Gurek, MD.

“Our Pain Management and Opioid Misuse Resource Center builds on prior in-person education the PAFP has provided on these topics and will serve as a dynamic resource to ensure individuals struggling with chronic pain or opioid use disorder can rely on their family physicians to deliver quality individual and population health care,” said O’Gurek.

The Resource Center evolved through the actions of the PAFP Task Force on the Opioid Crisis chaired by PAFP Board of Directors member D. Scott McCracken, MD.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania family physicians) 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 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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