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Lehigh Valley doctor to head physician organization

(HARRISBURG, PA. March 7, 2019) Mary Stock Keister, MD, a Lehigh Valley family physician, has been named the 73rd president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP).

Stock Keister grew up near Gettysburg. After her undergraduate work in Rochester, N.Y., she returned to Pennsylvania for medical school at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, where she fell in love with family medicine and the PAFP. She pursued her residency training at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, D.C. while serving in the U.S. Air Force. The Air Force next sent her to Omaha, Nebraska, where she was an Element Chief in the Family Health Center and further developed her clinical and leadership skills. Upon completion of her military service, she returned to Pennsylvania with her family and settled in the Lehigh Valley.

Stock Keister currently maintains a clinical practice with Lehigh Valley Physicians Group at a large office in downtown Allentown, combining her medical director responsibilities with teaching and clinical care. Her husband, Drew Keister, is also a family physician with Lehigh Valley Health Network. They have two adolescent daughters with whom they enjoy supporting the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team.

As president, Stock Keister will act as the PAFP's spokeswoman and the face of the family physician community to local, state, and national media. She will be responsible for appointing all standing and special commissions and committees.

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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