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## Public health champion sought PAFP 2020 Public Health Award contest kicks off

(HARRISBURG, PA. Nov. 15, 2019) The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) is looking to name the winner of Pennsylvania's Public Health Award – but we can't do it without the help of patients across the Commonwealth!

From population health to social determinants, "public health" has many connotations. But public health is nevertheless the responsibility of every physician, particularly family physicians. The PAFP's Public Health Award winner will be a family physician who is a member of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, is in good standing in their medical community, and can effectively represent the specialty of family practice and the PAFP in public speaking.

We're looking for a family physician who has demonstrated leadership and engagement in either a traditional public health organization or population and community health, is actively engaged within their health system or community, and focuses their efforts on areas including health equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Anyone can nominate their family physician for the 2020 Public Health Award at <a href="www.pafp.com">www.pafp.com</a>, but the family physician nominee must be a member of the PAFP (most Pennsylvania family physicians are members). The nomination deadline is Jan. 10, 2020.

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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