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Philadelphia hosts thousands of doctors!

4,500 family physicians seek to solve nation's health care crisis through education

(PHILADELPHIA, PA.) It's been a tumultuous year in health care, from the Supreme Court decision on the Affordable Care Act to a recent, ongoing outbreak of fungal meningitis in 12 states and counting. Fortunately, America's doctors are working hard to keep up with ever-changing regulations, potential public health emergencies, and the nation's ballooning health care costs: that's why more than **4,500 family physicians are headed to Philadelphia Oct. 16 through 20** for the [American Academy of Family Physicians'](#) (AAFP) annual [Scientific Assembly](#) educational meeting.

For the first time ever, the [Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians \(PAFP\)](#) is proud to serve as the host chapter for the event, taking place at the **Pennsylvania Convention Center**. Thousands of family physicians will take education courses on such varied subjects as alcohol use; weight loss and prevention; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues; payment and practice reform; and end-of-life care – all topics very much at the forefront of social discourse. Physicians from across the U.S. will also enjoy historical tours in one of America's most storied cities.

Solving America's deepening health care crisis is up to primary care physicians – the backbone of a healthy and cost-efficient society. We hope you'll join us to discover how family physicians are arming themselves to tackle the biggest issues facing society today!

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 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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