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SHOBHA RAO, M.D., RECEIVES EXEMPLARY TEACHING AWARD

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — Shobha Rao, M.D., a clinical associate professor of family and community medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, was awarded the Exemplary Teaching Award from the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during its 60th Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Arlington on July 25. This award honors individuals with outstanding teaching skills and those who have developed and implemented innovative teaching models.

“Shobha cares for patients in the ambulatory setting, the nursing home and in the hospital, while all the time teaching learners at multiple levels and role-modeling the highest standards of compassion and clinical care,” wrote Alison Dobbie, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at UT Southwestern.

In addition to her active role in TAFP where she has served on the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and as a Texas delegate to the National Conference on Special Constituencies, Dr. Rao is an active member of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, the American Geriatrics Society, the Dallas Chapter of TAFP, and the Dallas County Medical Society. Dr. Rao has received the Aesculapius Award for Teaching Excellence five times since 2000.

Dr. Rao was awarded her medical degree by Sri Venkateswara Medical College in Tirupati, India, and completed the first two years of family medicine residency at Poyclinic Medical Center in Harrisburg, Penn., and the third year at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. She served as a clinical assistant professor at UT Southwestern from 1999 to 2006 before stepping up to her current position as clinical associate professor in the program in 2007.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.