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CARLOS ROBERTO JAÉN, M.D., AWARDED TAFP PRESIDENTIAL AWARD OF MERIT

SAN ANTONIO — Carlos Roberto Jaén, M.D., Ph.D., of San Antonio, Texas, was awarded the Presidential Award of Merit from the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. He received the award from TAFP President Kaparaboyna Ashok Kumar, M.D., F.R.C.S., at the organization's 61st Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in San Antonio on July 24. This award is given to the person of the president's choosing who he feels has made great contributions to health care and family medicine.

Dr. Jaén is the Dr. John M. Smith, Jr. endowed professor and chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Texas School of Public Health San Antonio Regional Campus and is co-director of the Center for Research in Family Medicine and Primary Care.

In a set of articles published June 8 in [*Annals of Family Medicine*](#), Dr. Jaén and colleagues unveiled a series of key lessons for implementing a “patient-centered medical home.” This model would enable a doctor's office to offer team-based care, better use of technology, and a more personal experience for the patient to ultimately improve health. Dr. Jaén was the principal investigator of the team that evaluated the National Demonstration Project of the American Academy of Family Physicians, part of the TransforMED project.

Dr. Jaén was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the American Board of Family Medicine. From 2005 to 2008, he served as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. He served on the panels that published smoking cessation guidelines in 1996 and 2000 and is co-chair of the panel that published an update in May 2008.

Dr. Jaén has been honored with a Generalist Physician Faculty Scholar Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a Cancer Control Career Development Award for Primary Care Physicians from the American Cancer Society, and has been selected to the Best Doctors in America yearly since 2002.

His interests include building a healthier San Antonio through efforts in community wellness, improving preventive care for individuals of all ages, and building and studying high-performance primary care offices.

Dr. Jaén was awarded his medical degree and Ph.D. in Epidemiology and Community Health from State University of New York in Buffalo, N.Y. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship in primary care research and residency at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

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.