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AMER SHAKIL, M.D., RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARD

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — Amer Shakil, M.D., F.A.A.F.P., of Carrollton, was awarded the Special Constituency Leadership Award from the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the organization’s 61st Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in San Antonio on July 24.

This is the first year the award has been given. It was established by the Section on Special Constituencies and honors an outstanding TAFP member who is a strong advocate for a specific special constituency or, as a member of a specific constituency, has served as an outstanding leader. The five special constituencies are women, minority, international medical graduates, GLBT, and new physicians.

Dr. Shakil is the residency program director in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. In addition to this role, he is president-elect of UT Southwestern’s faculty senate. He also serves on the Member University Hospitals Credential Committee, Medical Executive Committee, Epic User Group, and Core Measures Committee. He is Parkland Chief of Service, and also serves on Parkland’s Medical Advisory Council and Credential Committee.

In November 2000, Dr. Shakil started a small free clinic for the underserved—the Islamic Association of North Texas—which has grown into one of the largest faith-based charity clinics in the Dallas Metroplex. He also serves as medical director for Islamic Center Irving Medical Clinic and provides faith-based and culturally oriented counseling services for Muslim teenagers, parents, and couples at Islamic Association of Carrollton. He organizes annual health fairs, delivers community education lectures, and mentors young students and International Medical Graduates aspiring to become physicians in United States. A colleague wrote in a nomination letter that his “exceptional leadership qualities, professionalism, mentoring skills, and passion to serve the community make him a role model for all family physicians.”

Dr. Shakil received his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees from Rawalpindi Medical College, Punjab University in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. He completed a general surgery internship at North General Hospital Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, N.Y., and a family medicine internship and residency at Christ Hospital University of Illinois at Chicago in Oak Lawn, Ill. He is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and is a Fellow of National Institute of Program Director Development.

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.