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Lloyd Van Winkle, M.D., recognized for outstanding advocacy efforts

AUSTIN, TEXAS — Lloyd Van Winkle, M.D., of Castroville, Texas was awarded the 2012 TAFPPAC advocacy award by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Political Action Committee at the organization's 63rd Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Austin on July 14. TAFPPAC is the political arm of TAFP, and the award recognizes an outstanding member who shows great dedication to the advancement of the political voice of family medicine.

Dr. Van Winkle has practiced for more than 25 years at Medina Valley Family Practice in Castroville. He is a passionate advocate for his patients, community, and for the specialty of family medicine, and he has led the effort to foster relationships with legislators and advance our specialty's interests at the state Capitol.

He has served as chair of the TAFP Political Action Committee for six years. During his tenure, the nonpartisan political arm of the Academy has steadily increased its resources and has gained donors—many through his personal encouragement.

He has been a leader in TAFP and AAFP for many years, holding numerous leadership positions. At the national level, he recently completed his third term as Texas Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates, and he previously served two terms as an Alternate Delegate. He also served as a member of the AAFP Commission on Membership and Member Services. In Texas, he is a TAFP past president and has served on many committees and commissions.

In his community, Dr. Van Winkle is the volunteer medical director for the Medina Valley EMS and the local nursing home, and is the health officer for the cities of Castroville and La Coste. He serves on the school district health council and volunteers as the team doctor for Medina Valley ISD.

Dr. Van Winkle was awarded his medical degree by the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and completed a family medicine residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

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.

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