



# ACFM

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024





## **Primum Non Nocere First, Do No Harm**

At the center of our logo is the tree of life, symbolizing the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The tree has roots firmly planted in the words "primum non nocere," or "first, do no harm."

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Our mission statement seeks to preserve and defend the principles and practice of Hippocratic Family Medicine by protecting the vulnerable at the beginning and end of life and seeking the ultimate good for the patient with the highest standards of excellence based on medical science. This year we began this mission through the following ACFM Board member activities:

## ACFM Activities for 2024:

### Advocacy

- Testified live on the Supreme Court steps for Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA to hold the FDA accountable for inappropriate certification of Mifepristone
- Cosigned the Doctors Protecting Children Declaration alongside the American College of Pediatricians and other major life-affirming medical organizations
- Became a partner organization within the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine.
- Provided active online and in-person testimony at the American Academy of Family Physicians' (AAFP) Congress of Delegates, successfully amending a resolution to require transparency for abortion clinics.
- Maintained leadership in the AAFP's Physicians for Life Member Interest Group, empowering members for online and in-person testimony for AAFP Resolutions.
- Served as Assistant Medical Director for the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates.

### Education

- Provided presentations at the Matthew Bulfin conference and the Heartbeat International Annual Conference.
- Published a bioethics paper in the *Canadian Journal of Bioethics* entitled "The Moral Dissociation Curve, Blind Spots and Prescribing Death in Canada."
- Published papers on assisted suicide and euthanasia in the *Journal of American Geriatrics Society* and the *Journal of the American Medical Directors Association*
- Published a study explaining the need for high quality, compassionate, and ethically sound healthcare in the *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics*, advanced publication in *Project Muse*.

### Membership

- Launched our website and officially began member recruitment at the Matthew Bulfin Educational Conference.
- Received notification of Federal approval for our 501c3 application.
- Enlisted a cloud-based software company to assist in our member management.
- Sent emails regularly and posted often on our website to engage and educate members

## What some of our members are doing

- Provided a presentation at the Catholic Medical Association Annual Conference
- Facilitated regular virtual meetings with the Christian Medical and Dental Association Family Medicine Section on the intersection of faith, ethics, and medicine.
- Interviewed for a webinar for Caring for Both from the American Academy of Pro-Life OB/Gyns
- Published numerous articles regarding gender dysphoria.
- Served on the Board for the American Academy of Pro-Life OB Gyns, with leadership over the Family Medicine section.
- Served as Medical Directors for local pregnancy resource centers.

## Outlook for 2025

- Platinum sponsor for the Matthew Bulfin Conference.
- Invited to speak at the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity's 2025 Annual Conference.
- Ongoing active leadership in the AAFP to ensure that life-affirming physicians are empowered and mobilized.
- Ongoing leadership within the Family Medicine section of the AAPLOG

As we enter into our second year, we will continue to focus on our core values with compassionate love as our guiding principle. We will continue to affirm the inherent dignity and worth of all persons and support the healthcare professional's rights of conscience. While we value stewardship, we will work toward ensuring that scientific integrity is maintained, free from political and cultural bias. And we will continue to fight for access to healthcare for all, including those at the beginning and the end of life.

We move into this next year with optimism and humility. The forces aligned against America's historic commitment to Hippocratic Medicine are indeed loud and formidable, but we remain inspired and committed. Please share this report with others and consider making a tax-deductible gift to ACFM. Please also encourage your family physician friends to join us!



***YOUR VOICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE  
YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED***

***PLEASE, JOIN TODAY!***

# OUR HISTORY

Over the past several decades there has been a gradual but pervasive move away from the core tenets of Hippocratic Medicine at educational institutions and graduate medical associations. The traditional Hippocratic Oath, once taken by most graduates of medical schools, is now professed rarely. The time-honored principles of medicine presented in the Oath – protection of human life at all ages, adherence to “First Do No Harm,” and offering science-based therapies free from political and cultural bias – are no longer universally accepted or practiced.

In response to this dangerous shift, ten Family Physicians began meeting in the spring of 2023 with the intent of creating an organization that would promote and defend the principles and practice of Hippocratic Family Medicine. On October 12, 2023 the American College of Family Medicine was incorporated as a Non-profit Corporation and have since been deemed a 501c3 charitable organization.

## OUR MISSION

### *FIRST, DO NO HARM*

Our Mission: To preserve and defend the principles and practice of Hippocratic Family Medicine. These principles include protecting the vulnerable at the beginning and end of life, seeking the ultimate good for the patient with compassion and moral integrity, and providing healthcare with the highest standards of excellence based on medical science.

## OUR CORE VALUES

1. We value compassionate love as the guiding principle for all we do in healthcare. We are to be selfless, sacrificial and to give our all for our patients. We strive to act in the best interest of our patients, seeking their highest good.
2. We value the inherent dignity and worth of all persons from conception to natural death. It is our duty to protect and preserve human life and not to harm it.
3. We value the healthcare professional's right of conscience.
4. We value stewardship and the wise use of resources in healthcare.
5. We value scientific integrity and the application of evidence-based care to all patients, free from political and cultural bias.
6. We value access to healthcare for all persons needing it regardless of age, abilities, or socioeconomic status. We personally work to ensure all who are sick can receive the medical care they need.