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PAUL DASSOW, MD
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Letter From The ACFM President

The American College of Family Medicine was established in the Fall of 2023 to create a dedicated place for physicians and other health professionals who cherish the historic Hippocratic principles of medicine to gather, collaborate, and work as a team to defend and promote those principles. As our profession continues to devalue human life, it is imperative that we unite and take decisive action to counteract this dangerous ethical slide.

Over the past 2 years, it has been my great pleasure to see the College take root and begin to develop into a vibrant, productive organization. We have testified effectively at our Academy's Congress of Delegates as well as on the steps of the US Supreme Court. We have published articles defending human dignity at the end of life as well as letters to influential government officials. We have given talks at national conferences and encouraged medical students and residents who have felt marginalized.

Yet, there is so much more that can be done and needs to be done. We believe that 2026 will be the year we are able to Take Flight as an organization. Membership is growing, committees are taking shape, and we are engaging in aggressive strategic planning. I am excited to be a part of this vital movement and am so thankful for all those who are contributing.

Please take a few minutes out of your day to enjoy reading about the work of the College contained in this Annual Report. And, please continue to advocate for the College in whatever ways you are able.

~Paul Dassow, MD, MSPH



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Published a letter to the editor in the American Family Physician in rebuttal to an abortion article.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: I applaud the authors of the article "Options for Unintended Pregnancies" for including parenting and adoption as viable options, particularly the listed resources for adoption.¹ I contend, however, that the authors inadequately answered the question of whether induced abortion is associated with poor

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

BYN, Mr. LUMMIS, Mr. DARNES, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, Mr. TROTT, and Mr. HARRIS, introduced the following bill, which was read twice and referred to the Committee.

A BILL

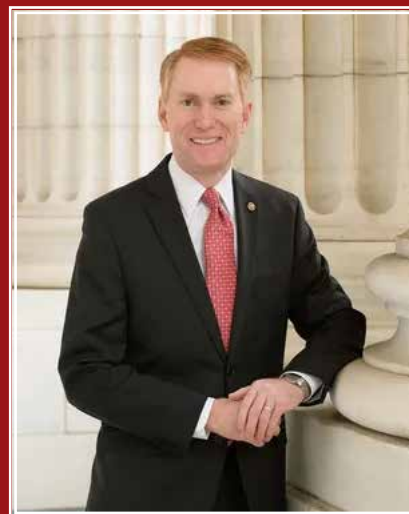
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Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

the Protections for Medical Residents Act"

MEDICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS UNDER THE MEDICAL

Submitted a letter of support to Senator James Lankford for introducing the Conscience Protections for Medical Residents Act



Collaborated with the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine to send a letter to Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. in support of the Health and Human Services Published Report: Treatment for Pediatric Gender Dysphoria: Review of Evidence and Best Practices, published May 1, 2025.



The Alliance for HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE

Signed on to a letter to the Food and Drug Administration encouraging another review of the dangers of mifepristone and reinstatement of safety criteria

HEALTHCARE

Medical groups urge Kennedy, FDA to reexamine broad approval of abortion drugs

"The data strongly suggest that mifepristone poses a far greater risk of causing harm than previously stated," the medical groups signing onto the letter state



By **Peter Pinedo** · Fox News
Published July 8, 2025 6:00am EDT

In the letter, the groups, which include the American Association of Pro-Life OBGYNs, the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine and the American College of Family Medicine, warn that the latest data on mifepristone "strongly suggests" that hundreds of thousands of women have been harmed by using the drug.

Submitted comments in opposition to a petition from the American College of OBGyns asking for the removal of Mifepristone safeguards



PUBLIC SUBMISSION

Comment from American College of Family Medicine

Posted by the **Food and Drug Administration** on Jul 30, 2025

Advocated within the American Academy of Family Physicians to defeat a resolution that sought to make abortion training a mandatory ACGME requirement in all Family Medicine residency programs



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MENTORSHIP



Magen Hicks, PGY-2, Waco Family Medicine Residency - Waco, TX

"Young women and girls are told that babies in the womb aren't humans; that they are burdens on our future and commodities to be enjoyed 'someday.' I too had accepted and peddled the lie that my 'right' to control and happiness trumped the life of an unborn child. I later accepted Christ and the truth that I was living a selfish and fear-based existence. God's Word showed me that life is sacred, and as physicians, we are called to protect and nurture it from conception.

We have seen the mainstream media use the physician membership of national medical associations to presume that there is consensus in the medical community about abortion, transgender care, etc. This is in spite of large pro-life member groups within these organizations that demonstrate the lack of agreement. Strong membership in organizations like the ACFM is essential for when the big medical associations stay silent, or worse, take positions that do not protect life and our most vulnerable patients."

Beatrice Abraham, new physician, joined Josephine Glaser and Janet Hurley at the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates to learn the resolution testimony process.



Where There is Despair, Let Me Bring Hope

Assisted Suicide, the Moral Dissociation
Curve and Compassionate Love

Richard W. Sams, II, MD, MA



Richard Sams, MD - Gave presentations
in opposition to Assisted Suicide and
published in *CMDA Today*



Paul Dassow, MD and
Jim Heid, MD - Gave a
keynote address at the
Center for Bioethics
and Human Dignity
conference on current
ethical challenges in
Family Medicine



EDUCATION

RECRUITMENT

Recruited at six conferences.
Lizzy McIntosh led a pro-life student meeting at
AAFP's FUTURE conference.



Abortion

- All human beings deserve dignity, respect, and the right to life
- Abortion is never medically necessary
- Women seeking an abortion should be screened

- A person is not born in the wrong body
- Gender-affirming therapies have not been proven safe
- Management should be comprehensive, including psychotherapy to address underlying mental health disorders and past trauma.

Gender Dysphoria

End of Life

- Healthcare professionals should never participate in the killing of a patient nor instruct patients on how to end their lives prematurely
- Healthcare professionals should practice high-quality palliative care for all those suffering from serious life-limiting diseases.

- Physicians should not be coerced, intimidated, or forced to provide services or refer directly for services that violate their philosophical beliefs or moral convictions.
- Medical schools and residency training programs should not be required to teach procedures that violate their moral code.

Right of Conscience

KEY POLICIES

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

CORE PRINCIPLES

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.

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.

We value the healthcare professional's right of conscience.

We value stewardship and the wise use of resources in healthcare.

We value scientific integrity and the application of evidence-based care to all patients, free from political and cultural bias.

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.

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YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED***

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