



2024 FACT SHEET

MARYLAND ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Established in 1948, the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians (MDAFP) is the state chapter of the 129,600-member American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). The MDAFP represents nearly 1,400 members and is governed by a 19-member board of directors.

The mission of the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians is to support Maryland family physicians in their efforts to promote equity and optimize the health of our state’s patients, families, and communities. The vision of the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians is: "able, responsive, family physicians serving their communities."

FAMILY MEDICINE

Family Medicine is the medical specialty that provides continuing and comprehensive primary health care for the individual and family. Family Medicine integrates the biological, clinical and behavioral sciences and its scope encompasses all ages, all genders, each organ system and every disease entity.

FAMILY PHYSICIANS

More patients are seen by family physicians than any other specialty. Family physicians devote their careers to advocating for their patients’ needs and taking responsibility for their long-term care, developing long-lasting relationships. *Family physicians...*

- Serve as the entry point for most of a patient’s health care needs
- Can diagnose and treat 85% of all ailments
- Coordinate the best possible care when other specialists are needed, including the consultants, health services, and community resources.

The AAFP and MDAFP require Active members to complete 150 hours of approved continuing medical education every three calendar years to maintain their membership status. Family physicians are also required by the American Board of Family Medicine to pass a comprehensive certification exam every seven years.

MARYLAND ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIAN 2023 MEMBERSHIP DATA

Active:	916	Member Practice Data:
Student:	190	17% practice in a rural setting
Resident:	90	60% are employed
Life:	147	26% are self-employed
Inactive:	16	56% have been in practice for 20+ years
Supporting:	4	15% have been in practice for 7 years or less
		77% would encourage medical students to choose Family Medicine
Members are:	39% men	
	51% women	
	45% under the age of 50	

BECOMING A FAMILY PHYSICIAN IN MARYLAND

Developing and supporting new family physicians is central to the mission and purpose of the MDAFP. The MDAFP supports Family Medicine student groups, Maryland Family Medicine residents, externship programs, and leadership development, in addition to ongoing involvement with medical schools and residency programs.

Maryland offers two medical schools to pursue the Family Medicine specialty: **Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and University of Maryland School of Medicine.**



Upon completion of their four-year medical degree, medical students interested in Family Medicine can choose from 4 residency programs in Maryland. Family Medicine residents come from across the country and abroad to participate in these programs:

- **Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program**
- **University of Maryland Capital Region Health Family Medicine Residency Program**
- **University of Maryland Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program**
- **Meritus Family Medicine Residency Program**

Consider Maryland

Family physicians often choose Maryland as their home, with many of the residents staying in Maryland to practice. Maryland also has the most doctors per capita.

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