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The LAFP holds its 68th Annual Assembly and Installs its 2015-2016 Officers

Baton Rouge, LA. –The Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) held its 68th Annual Assembly and Exhibition on August $6^{th} - 9^{th}$, in New Orleans, LA. Approximately 200 family physicians, residents, and students from Louisiana and various states participated in this continuing medical education conference.

Many renowned speakers presented up-to-the-minute information on a broad range of health topics. Subjects covered in this four-day session are very important to family physicians committed to providing optimum health care for their patients. Physicians earned up to 17 hours of continuing medical education at this year's conference, making this an important medical education meeting for family physicians.

During the four day conference, the 2015-2016 officers were installed by the American Academy of Family Physicians President, Dr. Robert Wergin, from Nebraska.

The LAFP is proud to have elected the following members:

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Established in 1947, the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians (LAFP) is one of the state's largest primary care organizations, with more than 1,600 member physicians, residents and medical students throughout the State of Louisiana. The mission of the LAFP is to promote and support Louisiana's family physicians in providing excellent health care and to provide a unified voice for family medicine. For more information, visit the LAFP website at www.lafp.org.