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#### Message: Founder and Chairman Emeritus



#### Dear esteemed members

Today, as we usher in a new chapter in our illustrious journey, I introduce our new national executive team with great pride and optimism. This moment represents not just a change in leadership but a renewed commitment to our mission of advancing the practice of family medicine across our nation.

Let us welcome our new National Executive. Our new executive brings a wealth of experience, passion, and vision that aligns seamlessly with our core values. They embody the spirit of innovation and compassion that we cherish in family medicine, and I have no doubt they will guide our academy with integrity and enthusiasm.

As we welcome these leaders, remember that their success is intertwined with ours. Together, we can address the pressing challenges facing our healthcare system today. Medicine's landscape is evolving, and as family physicians, we must be at the forefront of this change. We must embrace new ideas, collaborate, and commit to lifelong learning. The strength of our academy lies in our collective dedication to our patients and communities. With the new executive, we will continue to advocate for policies that promote health equity, enhance our training programs, and foster research that drives improvement in patient care. We must inspire future generations of family physicians to carry the torch of excellence and compassion forward.

As we stand at the crossroads of healthcare advancement and community service, we must reaffirm our commitment to the principles that form the bedrock of family medicine. Our journey has been one of dedication, resilience, and compassion, and this spirit will guide us as we confront the challenges of tomorrow. Looking ahead, the future of family medicine lies in our ability to adapt to the evolving needs of our patients and communities. We must embrace innovation and harness technology to enhance our practices, ensuring that quality care is accessible to all. Let us work tirelessly to integrate mental health, preventive care, and holistic practices into our approach, fostering an environment of comprehensive well-being.

Together, we can shape a vision where family physicians are not just caregivers but health advocates, community leaders, and trusted allies in navigating the complexities of health challenges. Our role is to empower individuals and families to take charge of their health journeys, with education and support at the forefront. As we move forward, let us cultivate partnerships across sectors, engage in research, and contribute to public health policies that promote health equity. The future is bright, but our collective action will illuminate the path ahead. Let's continue inspiring, innovating, and positively impacting lives in unity and purpose.

I encourage each of you to engage actively with our new leaders, share your insights, and collaborate in shaping the future of our academy. Together, we can create a sustainable and impactful framework that elevates our profession and profoundly affects the lives of those we serve. Let us move forward with a shared vision, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to excellence in family medicine. I am excited about what lies ahead and confident we will achieve extraordinary milestones together.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our academy and the patients we serve. As the new executive takes over, I will continue to sever AFPI and Family Medicine.

From now on, you will hear from our new national executive.

Warm regards,

Dr. Raman Kumar Founder and Chairman Emeritus Academy of Family Physicians of India

#### GBM 2024 - Election of AFPI New National Executive 2024-2027

AFPI New National Executive Elected for 2024-2027 at FMPC 2024, AIIMS Rishikesh. We are pleased to announce the election of the new National Executive of the Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI) for the term 2024-2027. The elections took place during the Family Medicine and Primary Care Conference (FMPC) 2024, held at AIIMS Rishikesh, marking a significant moment for the organization as it continues to advance the field of family medicine in India.

Newly Elected National Executive:

National President: Col. Dr. Mohan Kubendra

Vice President: Dr. Vandana Boobna

General Secretary: Dr. Resmi S. Kaimal

Treasurer : Dr. Serin Kuriakose.

#### **Executive Members:**

Dr. Abhijit Mandal

Dr. Venkatesan S.

Dr. Kiranmai Lingutla

Dr. Jyotika Gupta.

#### **Chairman Emeritus:**

Dr. Raman Kumar.

The new executive team brings a wealth of experience and a shared commitment to strengthening primary care and supporting family physicians nationwide. Their leadership will focus on enhancing educational opportunities, promoting research and innovation, and engaging policymakers to advocate for equitable healthcare policies. At the General Body meeting, Dr. Raman Kumar, the founder of AFPI, was unanimously designated as Chairman Emeritus for life to provide continued guidance.

Dr. (Col) Mohan Kubendra, the new President, thanked the outgoing team for their contributions and outlined a vision of professional development, community health, and technology integration in family medicine.

The AFPI looks forward to a transformative journey under the guidance of the newly elected executive members. Together, they are committed to working with all stakeholders to elevate the practice and impact of family medicine across India.

#### Installation Ceremony - New National Executive 2024 - 2027 - Photo Gallery







# Report on the Grand Success of the 6th National Conference of Family Medicine and Primary Care, 27-28 September 2027

#### By Dr. Santosh Kumar, Organizing Secretary

I am pleased to report the remarkable success of the 6th National Conference of Family Medicine and Primary Care, held at AIIMS Rishikesh from September 27 to 29, 2024. This year's conference attracted over 800 delegates and 100 esteemed faculty members from across India, marking it as one of our most significant gatherings.

The vibrant participation from a diverse group of professionals demonstrated the eagerness and commitment of family physicians, primary care practitioners, and healthcare professionals to advance the field of family medicine. The conference provided a unique platform for sharing knowledge, best practices, and the latest advancements in our discipline. The honourable governor of Uttarakhand, Lt Gen. Gurmit Singh, inaugurated the conference. The conference also marked the presence of the Minister of State (MOS) for Jal Shakti, Government of India, Dr Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, who delivered the AFPI Foundation Day Award Oration 2024. The legendary Cricketer of the 1983 World Champion team, Mr Madan Lal, launched the - Run for Family Health Campaign.

#### Highlights of the Conference:

**Keynote Addresses and Plenary Sessions:** We were honored to host distinguished speakers who shared their insights on emerging trends and challenges in family medicine. Their expertise inspired meaningful discussions and provided valuable perspectives on how we can enhance the care we provide.

Workshops and Interactive Sessions: A series of hands-on workshops covering preventive care, chronic disease management, and health technology integration allowed participants to engage in practical learning experiences. The interactive nature of these sessions promoted collaboration and networking among attendees.

**Research Presentations:** The conference showcased an array of research presentations from both emerging and established scholars in family medicine. This emphasis on research highlights our commitment to evidence-based practice and improving patient outcomes in primary care settings.

**Networking Opportunities:** The event facilitated networking among delegates and faculty, fostering relationships that benefit future collaborations and knowledge exchange. The enthusiasm in the interactions was palpable, reflecting a strong community spirit within our profession.

**Cultural Evening:** To celebrate our rich diversity and strengthen bonds among participants, we organized a cultural evening that featured local performances and traditional cuisines, adding a unique flavor to the conference experience.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the organizing committee, volunteers, and all those who contributed their time and effort to ensure the conference's success. Their dedication and hard work were instrumental in creating an enriching experience for all participants. Your contribution highlights the importance of collaboration in advancing healthcare education and practice.

**The** 6th National Conference of Family Medicine and Primary Care celebrated our profession and reaffirmed our shared goals of improving healthcare delivery in India. As we move forward, let us continue to build on the momentum generated during this conference and strive for excellence in our roles as family physicians.

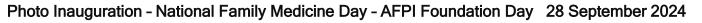
Thank you for your continued commitment to family medicine and primary care. Together, we can significantly impact the health of our communities.

Warm regards,

Dr. Santosh Kumar Organizing Secretary 6th National Conference of Family Medicine and Primary Care AIIMS Rishikesh October 5, 2024

Photo - Inauguration 29 September 2024







#### Conference Invitation: WONCA SAR 2025

Bengaluru, India 4th to 6th April 2025

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With immense pleasure and great anticipation, I, Col (Dr) Mohan Kubendra, The Organizing Chairperson of the Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI), extend a heartfelt welcome to you all for the South Asia Regional Family Medicine Congress 2025. This prestigious event, scheduled to be held from 4th to 6th April 2025 in the vibrant city of Bengaluru, India, is set to be a landmark occasion in the realm of family medicine.

Our theme for this congress, "Rooted in Tradition, Growing with Innovation: Family Medicine for South Asian Well-being," reflects our unwavering commitment to fostering a collaborative and comprehensive approach to healthcare. This theme underscores the importance of blending our rich traditions with cutting-edge innovations to enhance the well-being of communities across the South Asian region.

This conference will serve as a dynamic platform for exchanging research, best practices, and innovations in family medicine. We aim to facilitate discussions that will lead to interdisciplinary collaborations by bringing together experts from various fields across the region to build a stronger, more integrated healthcare community. We are confident that this event will inspire and energize all participants, driving forward our collective mission to improve healthcare delivery and outcomes.

Bengaluru, known as the Silicon Valley of India, offers a unique and enriching backdrop for our event. The city's academic and research opportunities and its cultural and recreational attractions promise to provide attendees with an engaging and inspiring experience.

Our organizing team works tirelessly to provide comprehensive logistical support and ensure smooth coordination before and during the event. Our experienced team will collaborate closely with WONCA and its member organizations from the South Asia Region to deliver a seamless and memorable congress.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming you to Bengaluru in April 2025. Together, let us make this conference a colossal success, setting new benchmarks in family medicine and fostering a brighter, healthier future for all.

Warm regards,

Col. (Dr) Mohan Kubendra

**National President** 

**Organizing Chairperson** 

Register through https://www.woncasarindia2025.com/

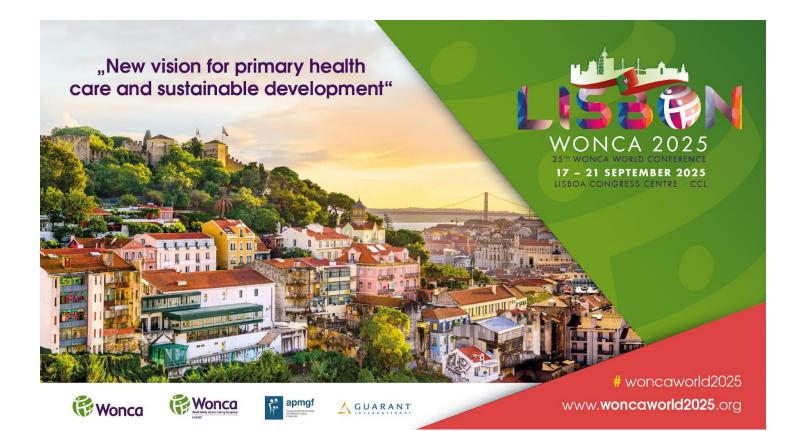


INTERNATIONAL FAMILY MEDICINE CONFERENCE

25th WONCA World Conference,

17-21 September, Lisbon in 2025

Register through https://www.woncaworld2025.org/



# AFPI FFPAI MOU

The collaboration between the Federation of Family Physicians Associations of India (FFPAI) and the Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI) represents a significant partnership aimed at advancing the field of family medicine in India. Through this collaboration, both organizations aim to leverage their collective expertise, resources, and networks to address common goals and challenges in primary healthcare. MOU Signed and Exchanged during FMPC 2024 Rishikesh



### **VISIT AFPI WEBSITE**

The Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI) website serves as an online platform for the organization representing family physicians in India. It provides information about the organization's objectives, membership, educational programs, events, and initiatives aimed at promoting the discipline of family medicine. The website often includes resources for continuing medical education, details about conferences and workshops, and updates on family medicine research and policies in India.

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## CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Let's make this newsletter a dynamic and impactful platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and inspiration in family medicine.

#### Submission Guidelines:

- Word Limit: 500-1500 words, depending on the type of content.
- **Deadline**: Rolling submissions; however, early contributions are encouraged for upcoming editions. Preferably within two weeks of the conclusion of the event

Format: Submissions should be in Word format along with the relevant photographs

Please send your submissions to newsletter@afpinational.org