

Feature: World Family Doctor Day -May 19

World Family Doctor Day (FDD) – 19th May - was first declared by WONCA in 2010 and it has become a day to highlight the role and contribution of family doctors in health care systems around the world. The event is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the central role of our specialty in the delivery of personal, comprehensive and continuing health care for all of our patients. It's also a chance to celebrate the progress being made in family medicine and the special contributions of family doctors globally.

This year – 2018 – we chose as the key theme “Family doctors – leading the way to better health”.

Some activities have been submitted to the WONCA editor but of course this is just a small sample of the enormous worldwide activity on this day. Many items were also posted on Facebook and twitter.



World Family Doctor Day – Editor’s picks

This year we saw the words “world Family Doctor day” being translated into more languages including Greek and three Indian languages as shown in the series of posters below.



Many countries now develop their own posters incorporating the World Family Doctor day logo there are numerous poster examples in the reports to follow but here are a couple of interesting ones.

A beautiful and colourful poster from Hong Kong at right

In Qatar – the poster was on a car – one version in Arabic and another in English.



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Nigeria produced T-shirts with their theme



Portugal another great poster at left.

And Innovative ideas keep coming with new things every year. IN Spain -the #LoveMFyC” meaning “Keep Calm and Love Family Medicine” campaign was run with great success and engagement



Another innovation: A book from New Zealand – “a day in the life of a kiwi GP”. You can see the book and some support videos on this [page-website](https://www.facebook.com/woncaworld/videos/1556546934442595/)

Young Doctors’ Movement focus

This year's #WFDD2018 is about leadership. What do the young doctors think about the topic "Family doctors – leading the way to better health"? Let's hear from them first-hand! In this video



VIDEO: "Family doctors – leading the way to better health"?
<https://www.facebook.com/woncaworld/videos/1556546934442595/>

Family doctors-leading the way to better health -the young doctors’ perspective

- family doctors are the first point of contact with the healthcare system
- family medicine is an art based on the values of compassion friendship and humility
- care in family medicine is provided from cradle to grave, following a holistic model that integrates a biopsychosocial approach
- teamwork and leadership skills are core competencies of a family doctor
- Young family doctors are the family doctors of the future
- Using mHealth and eHealth, young family doctors are leading the way into innovative solutions to provide healthcare
- Strengthening the collaboration and promoting the inter-peer knowledge exchange is helping young family doctors to step out of their comfort zone and to draw creative strategies for the patients and communities.

The young doctor who advocates for family medicine is the leader of tomorrow

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Africa region

The WONCA Member Organizations MOs in Africa Region especially MOs in Nigeria celebrated 2018 World Family Doctor Day with pomp and pageantry. Dan Abubakar, region secretary reports mostly on Nigerian activities.

Nigeria

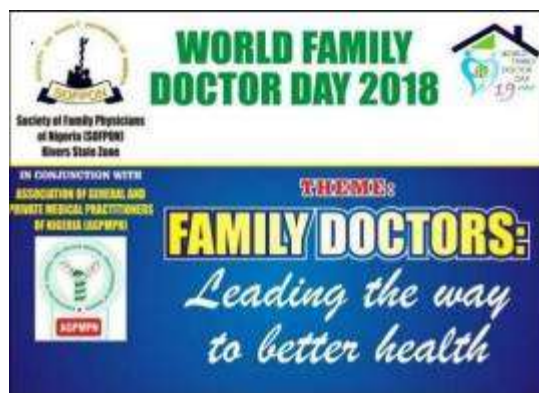
Association of General and Private Medical Practitioners of Nigeria AGPMPN, & Society of Family Physicians of Nigeria SOFPON & National PostGraduate Medical College of Nigeria NPMCN.

AGPMPN and SOFPON had joint activities in many states of Nigeria to mark the WFDD 2018. Many states in Nigeria had activities including Free Medical Outreaches to Market places, schools, Prison Inmates, Motor parks; Advocacy visits to Policy Makers; Radio talk shows and interviews; TV shows; Health walks; Lectures; Symposia; Plenary sessions; Launching of Online tool for consultation and data work (KompleteCare software); Press conferences and so on.

A lot of other tools used during the WFDD 2018 celebrations in Nigeria include Colourful branded T-shirts, Beautiful banners, Stickers, etc to draw attention to the Central role of the Family Dr in providing continuous, comprehensive patient / community centred care.

Most of the activities to mark this year's WFDD started on the 17th of May and climaxed on the 19th of May 2018.

There are other activities that are still ongoing till end of this week; these include stepdown training on the KompleteCare online consultation program and EagleSearch Treatment of Road crash victims.



Asia Pacific region

Hong Kong SAR, China

The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians (HKCFP)

The broadcast of the new series of the TV Drama “My Family Doctor 3” (我的家庭醫生三), is scheduled to commence on 19 May 2018 (Sat), to coincide with, and in celebration of, the World Family Doctor Day, and it will run for five consecutive weeks. The new series will feature five different stories of family doctors caring for their patients and families, in the community setting of Hong Kong, to promote the concept and illustrate the importance of family doctors.

Same as the last two well-acclaimed series in 2016 and 2017, this new series is produced by Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), in collaboration with the Primary Care Office (PCO), Department of Health, with full professional support in production by the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians.

The poster is available [here](#)

An interview article with HKCFP representatives would be published in the local Newspaper “Headline Daily”, one of the newspapers with the highest circulation, on 18 May 2018 (Fri), the day before the World Family Doctor Day.

HKCFP representatives will also attend the live Radio Programme ‘Healthpedia’ of Radio Television Hong Kong on 18 May 2018, Friday, to promote both the WFDD and the TV programme series.

The programme link will be shared in the College Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/hkcfp/> when it is available.



China

General Practice Branch of the Chinese Medical Association Chinese Medical Doctor Association for General Practitioner, Cross-straits Medicine Exchange Association

To celebrate World Family Doctor Day 2018, under the guidance of the National Health Commission of the People’s Republic of China, the General Practice Branch of the Chinese Medical Association, the Chinese Medical Doctor Association for General Practitioner, the Cross-straits Medicine Exchange Association Commission of General Practice, jointly organised celebration activities and large scale publicity activities with the theme of "Family doctor: I promise, I practice". The main celebration venue was in Shenyang, Liaoning, and parallel sessions were set up in Beijing, Shanghai Changning, Hangzhou, Nanjing. More than 3,000 family doctors participated in the activities.

A “Family doctor call for action” was released, the video “An appointment with your Family Doctor”, jointly produced was broadcast, whilst family doctors from all over China responded positively to solemnly pledge the General Practitioner’s oath.



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Photo of the main venue of Shenyang

Liqun Liu, Deputy Supervisor of the Primary Health Department of the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, together with Professor Shanzhu Zhu, Member-at-large of WONCA Asia Pacific Region, Chairman of the Society of General Practice of Cross-Straits Medicine Exchange Association; Professor Xueping Du, President of the General Practice Branch of Chinese Medical Doctor Association; and Professor Xiaosong Yu, Chairman of the Society of General Practice of the Chinese Medical Association, attended the celebration activities on site. Professor Donald Li, the President-Elect of WONCA, extended his heartiest congratulations to all the family doctors in China via a video message.



Photos of Theatrical Programs in Shenyang

The family doctors at the main celebration venue in Shenyang participated in theatrical programs and large-scale free public consultations.

On May 17, Beijing held a "519 World Family Doctor Day General Practice Academic Symposium". On May 19, Around 2000 people, including more than 900 family doctors from the Community Health Service Centers from 16 Districts, together with more than 1000 residents who had signed service contracts with these family doctors as well as staff from related departments of the municipal government, heads of social organisations, enthusiastic community health promotion volunteers participated in the "Together we walk, with our doc" brisk walking activity for health.



Photos of Celebration Activities in Beijing

Every district of Shanghai launched a celebratory cycling activity with the theme of "I give a 'like' to the family doctors" from May 13-18. The community residents performed group healthy exercises at the main venue. There were media street interviews of the family doctors and their residents who had signed service contracts with them. Free medical consultations were paired up with a health forum. All these provided an opportunity for those residents who have signed service contracts to truly exhibit their charismatic healthy image as well as promote the health management concept behind signing service contracts which leads to better health of the public.

On May 19, more residents learned about the benefits of signing service contracts with family doctors. More than 20 experts provided on-site free consultations. As a result Xuanwu Hospital and 14 Community Health Service Centers in Xuanwu District managed to sign service contracts with community residents through these promotional activities in Nanjing.

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Across the nation, Provinces demonstrated the characteristics and results of the family doctor contract services to the public through a variety of ways, which were comprehensive, holistic and providing rich contents. Meanwhile, family doctors being the gatekeepers of good health of the public, will provide high quality services with better skills and remaining in high spirits as they are committed to: "I promise, I practice"!

Taiwan

Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) Association of Family Medicine (TAFM)

On May 19, TAFM celebrated the 2018 Family Doctor Day at the Taipei Mayor's Residence Art Salon. This is the 8th annual activity since 2011 and there were more than a hundred attendees. Professor Shinn-Jang Hwang, President of TAFM gave his opening remark and Prof Amanda Howe, WONCA President has kindly sent a video greeting from afar. Professor Meng-Chih Lee, President of WONCA Asia Pacific Region (APR), and Dr Brian Chang, Honorary Secretary of APR, were also invited as distinguished guests.



The highlight of the function was the miniconcert. Dr Chang Sheng-Hui, a famous flautist as well as practicing family doctor, was accompanied at the piano by his sister. Their presentation was followed by the violin performance of Mr Liang Kun How, the Concertmaster of our National Symphony Orchestra. The music presentations were so exquisite and brought down the house in that afternoon.

Next was the important time of award ceremony. Prizes and certificates were given to three outstanding family doctors, five best teachers in primary care (pictured), and two best video clips. The winners also received presented flowers from their families, and big applauses from the attendees.



Prof Tsung Hsueh Lu, a family doctor and incumbent Director of the Health Bureau of Taichung City Government, gave a talk on better healthcare through IT technology. In the courtyard of

Mayor's Residence Art Salon, there were refreshments and educational games concerning the Q/A of primary health care issues which provided many barricades to break through. All the participants enjoyed the World Family Doctor Day celebrative activities. Importance concepts and values of Family Medicine were conveyed, not only to the participating citizens, but also to the public via the local media.

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New Zealand

Royal New Zealand College of GPs

To celebrate World Family Doctor Day 2018, we invited our members to tell us about a typical working day for them. We collated some of the comments received into an online book and shared other comments via our social media channels. The comments demonstrate just how varied our general practitioners' work is - how busy they are - and how many people they help.



Video example link <https://vimeo.com/268321751>

You can see the book and some support videos on this page of our [website](#)

To acknowledge the work our GPs do, and in celebration of World Family Doctor Day on 19 May, we asked College members to tell us what a typical day in general practice might look like. You can read some of the comments we received in this booklet 'A Day in the Life of a Kiwi GP'.



Myanmar

General Practitioners' Society, Myanmar Medical Association



On May 19, 2018 at Mandalay Myanmar Medical Association Building, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM,

(1) Round table Discussion on "Family Doctors: Past, Present, and Future" by writers cum family doctors, Dr Tin Tin Win (Ju), Dr Soe Win (Jo Zaw) and Dr Myint Zaw.

(2) "Exploring Family Medicine in UK" by Dr Aye Kyi, RCGP-ITS award winner,

(3) "My Life as a Family Doctor" by Dr Moe Moe Khine. Lucky Draw and Refreshment were done.



East Mediterranean region

Jordan

Jordan Society of Family Medicine (JSFM)



JSFM in collaboration with family medicine department in Jordan Ministry of Health celebrates WFDD by organizing scientific activity to family medicine residents in the MOH, More than one hundred attendees were participated. The activity took place on 13 May.



Photo above: collective picture with Dr Mohammed Tarawneh JSFM secretary general and Dr Mai Haddidi head of family medicine department in the MOH few trainers and family medicine residents in the MOH.

Photo at right- scientific activity.



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Qatar

Qatar PHC corporation

On the occasion of the WFDD the Qatar PHC corporation celebrated this day by organizing a scientific event in Sheraton hotel Doha, the event composed of lectures on diabetes and prevention for this disease to the public, awards were presented to the best PHC sittings who fulfil special criteria.



Group photo at Qatar event and at right car with poster in English. Another version has a woman family doctor with poster in Arabic.



Europe region

Italy



Europe region

Republica Srpska.

Association of Family Physicians of Republika Srpska

In the Novak Hotel in Karakaj (Zvornik) on May 18, 2018, World Family Doctor Day was marked under the slogan "Family doctor the best way to health".

The marking program started with educational sessions on topics in cardiology, the organization of work of family medicine teams, and the promotion of new guides for the treatment of certain clinical problems. There are about 200 doctors in all parts of the Republic of Srpska.

At a gala evening, they were greeted by Dr Dragan Bogdanic, the Minister of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska, for their personal contribution to the development of family medicine model and support in the work of the Association of Doctors of Family Medicine of RS.



Photo: Minister of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska, Dr Dragan Bogdanic with Dr Draško Kuprešak, president of Association of Family Medicine Doctors of Republika Srpska

Others were congratulated including Prof Sinisa Miljkovic, the president of the RS Doctor's Association, for the invaluable cooperation of the society in the implementation of the CME program; the mayor of Zvornik, Mr Zoran Stevanovic for support in organizing the celebration of the World Day of Family Medicine Doctors of RS; and for personal engagement in the field of development of the model of family medicine in the health system of the Republic of Srpska to Prof Gordana Tesanovic



In the square of the city of Zvornik on May 19, there were free measurements of health parameters with the focus on screening atrial fibrillation, which examined over 250 citizens.

Spain

Spanish Society of Family and Community Medicine (sem FYC)

On the occasion of the World Family Doctor Day 2018, 19 May, in Spain, semFYC has been actively campaigning for the entire National Healthcare System to put in value our specialty "key to the present and the future sustainability of health". In Dr Salvador Tranche's words (President semFYC), the specialty "requires the involvement of all the players in politics for a better future management of the National Healthcare System in order to achieve a real commitment to the specialty, both social and political".

#LoveMFyC campaign

This year, semFYC joined World Family Doctor Day with a Social Network campaign named "Keep calm and Love MFyC #LoveMFyC" (meaning Keep Calm and Love Family



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Medicine). The campaign has achieved a huge success. Up to 2 million users have joined this hashtag on Twitter – being the most successful health campaign ever led by a scientific society of Family Medicine in Spain – as well as on Facebook, in which we have increased our traffic up to 600% more than the average. The main scientific journals on science and medicine have echoed #LoveMFyC.

The question of this campaign was a simple one: “And you, why do you Love Family Medicine”, so that each expose the reasons why they’ve chosen this specialty. Dr Verónica Casado (5 star doctor of WONCA Europe in 2017, and Iberoamérica CIMF, in 2018), explained why she loves Family Medicine:

“I love the MFyC because it is not only a discipline, a specialty, a profession, a strategy for health, a set of activities that have the person as the center of attention but because it is a way to understand medicine and a true philosophy of life”

Portugal

Portuguese Association of General and Family Medicine - APMGF

World Family Doctor Day’s celebration in Portugal involved approximately 400 family doctors and Family Medicine residents, divided in to more than 50 groups, nationwide. In 2018, Portuguese family



doctors chose the motto “Together in Health” and an effort was made to carry out activities that underlined the importance of close ties between health professionals, community organizations and citizens to assure better healthcare services for families.

Photo 1: North Portugal activities.
Photo 2 Lisbon exercise promotion



In almost every district of Portugal there was a group of energetic family doctors and Family Medicine residents in contact with the population, manly in public spaces like parks, markets, sport arenas, etc. Track walks, bicycle tours, fitness and zumba classes were some of the most popular events across the territory and at the end, in practically every situation, there was a stand with useful information (in the form of leaflets, brochures, info cards,

magazines) that stressed the relevance of a healthy lifestyle, a balanced diet, smoking abstinence and exercising routines as well as the crucial role that the family doctor can play in this context, when called upon. In many places family doctors and other professionals (nutritionists, psychologists, physiotherapists and exercise specialists) were also available for counselling. The Portuguese Association of General and Family Medicine’s National Board also promoted a «Health Inclusive Walk», in Lisbon, departing from its headquarters to one of the city’s largest parks. There, the walkers joined another group of family doctors for outdoor and awareness raising activities.

Two cardinal messages were incorporated into the activities. First, that disease prevention starts with an active and healthy lifestyle, a goal that might be more easily achieved with the help of your family doctor. This is even more relevant now, at a time when inactivity and obesity rates are reaching

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alarming levels in Portugal (particularly in children and teenagers). Secondly, that although every National Health System user has the constitutional right to have a family doctor – the country is very close to fulfil that collective aspiration – we all need to take a closer look at the conditions in which family doctors work. Therefore, a conscientious attempt was made to explain to the population that family doctors can only do a good job if they have the right organizational framework (advanced family health units), an adequate team of health professionals on their side and the correct equipment and facilities.

Greece

Greek Association of GPs ((ELEGEIA)

On World Family Doctor Day (FDD), ELEGEIA took the initiative to organise an informative as well as interactive event for all citizens in Athens. The event took place in the Syntagma Square, the capital's most central spot. Having first informed all of its members accordingly, ELEGEIA proceeded in installing an exhibition booth, ornamented with both the ELEGEIA and the FDD logos. The booth was installed just across the Greek Parliament.

GP's attending the event, wearing T-shirts with the booth logos, distributed a total of 5000 leaflets to people passing by and informed them thoroughly concerning the role and importance of Family Medicine in Health Systems, while at the same time indulged themselves in interacting and in answering any questions asked by the people. The event was a big success in the sense that the Greek public responded by showing a high level of interest, in terms of appreciating our efforts towards the future of Family Medicine and acknowledging the tremendous impact which it entails in their lives.



Romania

Romanian National Society of Family Medicine

In 2018 a new journal called Romanian Journal of Family Medicine is founded by Dr Marinela Olarioiu, former president of the Romanian Society of General Practitioners/Family physicians an former member WONCA. See <https://revmedfam.ro/engleza/>

Slovenia

Slovenian Family Medicine Society

This year we decided to celebrate our day by organizing a press conference May 17, 2018 at the Domus Medica, the seat of Slovenian Medical Chamber in Ljubljana. Four colleagues were invited as the speakers. Varying in their experience, age and positions they represented the richness of individuals in our speciality.



Mateja Bulc, MD, PhD, the president of EUOPREV, assistant professor at the Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana; Davorina Petek, MD, PhD, Vice President of EGPRN, associate professor at the Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana; Aleksander Stepanović, MD, PhD, assistant teacher, CEO of Community Health Center of Škofja Loka; Veronika Vezjak, MD, second year trainee/resident in family medicine.



Several reporters responded and consequently, different items were raised. Not all of them positive, the lack of interest for specializing in Family Medicine was noted (only seven posts out of the 59 available in Slovenia this spring were filled). Inevitably, the issue of financial penalties for unnecessary and too hasty referrals as ruled by Ministry of Health were blamed for this. Nevertheless, all the four doctors shared what they still found motivating and where the beauty was to be found in being a family doctor.

Earning and being worthy of the trust of the patients, the clinical variety of the work, the richness of different approaches and techniques, the sincere and strong partnership with the patients built through years, seeing a young person grow, start a new family and walk through all the stages of the family, making a difference by working in the community... We do love our work. It may not be the easiest thing in the world, but it is a challenge and a privilege to be a family doctor.

See the links below. And yes, sorry, it is all in Slovene language...what else would you expect?
[Story 1.](#) [Story 2.](#) [Story 3.](#) [Story 4.](#)

Germany

German College of General Practice/Family Medicine (DEGAM)

In celebration of World Family Doctor Day DEGAM presented a new position paper on general practitioners which is called „Why we need a primary care system in Germany“. It focusses on the role of the family physician as a gatekeeper. You can find the paper (only German) on our [website](#): In advance of Family Doctor Day all representatives of university family medicine in Germany met to discuss the future tasks in science, teaching and postgraduate training (see photo).



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Turkey

Turkish Association of Family Physicians (TAHUD)

Integrating souls and mind to our body health. Tai chi, for body-soul and mind well-being in this special day. Uludag University Department of Family Medicine (UUDFM) designed a program, and invite to join everyone announcing it by social media, Facebook and Instagram. Members of UUDFM, medical students and staff members gathered in the late morning in an open grassy area of the university hospital. Two banners have hanged; one in English and one in Turkish related this special day. Our first banner is 'The World is a family, Family is ALL, Protect (family) HEALTH'. Under the leadership of a Tai chi instructor Mr. Ugur KURKCU, all participants were both entertained and celebrated this meaningful day.



North America region

Canada:

Let's celebrate World Family Doctor Day

As published last month Guillaume Charbonneau, MD, President of the College of Family Physicians of Canada wrote to Canadian Family doctors: This is reproduced in part here.

... There are many reasons why we should be proud of being family physicians. We know that health care systems with strong primary care services generate better results in terms of population health, health equity, and cost-effectiveness.

It is equally important to remember that, in Canada, our contributions go beyond primary care. We are also important providers of emergency services, maternal and neonatal care, hospital care, home care, and long-term care. Furthermore, we adapt our practices to the needs of our communities, and many of us develop an expertise in other domains to better address those needs. This level of flexibility can be demanding, but we do it to improve the availability of services locally and regionally.

We are experts in medical generalism. This expertise is difficult to acquire and maintain, but it is essential to respond more efficiently and cost-effectively to the needs of the population.

It is important to remember that approximately 19 per cent of the Canadian population lives in a rural area. They are served by only 8 per cent of Canadian physicians, and most of those physicians are family doctors.

Family medicine is almost non-existent in many countries. Through the Besrouc Centre the College of Family Physicians of Canada seeks to create partnerships with physicians abroad, and supports them in developing our discipline in their countries by sharing our expertise and Canadian experiences. These relationships also allow us to learn from our partners so we may continue to advance our specialty in Canada.

Let us join our colleagues around the world in celebrating our specialty. Let us be proud of being family doctors and ensure that the true value of our discipline is recognized. We must also always strive to increase our value by improving the quality of care we provide and our accessibility.

South Asia region

Bangladesh

Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians



The Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians has celebrated World Family Doctors Day 2018. The governors of the Academy has chalked out one program outside Dhaka and second program at its head office inside Dhaka.

On 11 May 2018, Friday and weekly holiday, a program was arranged in the capital city of Dhaka and in Dohar, 30 km from the capital city. A rally was organized at Dhaka and at Dohar. After the rally a sumptuous breakfast was served to the participants.

At the discussion meeting the Academy President and WONCA South Asia president Prof Kanu Bala was the chief guest. Prof Md Nurul Islam, past vice president of WONCA MESAR was the special guest. The meeting was presided over by Prof Ainul Islam Choudhury. Dr Md. Abdul Quayum, secretary general of the academy conducted the meeting. Dr Jamal Uddin Ahmed and Dr Suheli Akhter arranged the whole Dohar programme. They entertained the participants with a lavish dinner at their residence. In the evening the participants visited the Great River Padma.



The second phase of the programme will be organized on 25 May 2018. The Academy will organize a discussion on WFDD at 9.00 am. The 'Monthly Continuing Professional Development' programme will follow the discussion meeting.

India

Academy of Family Physicians of India (AFPI)

FDD was celebrated by members of AFPI across India on 19th May 2018. Many of these events were conducted under banner of various local state chapters. We have received formal reports from states of Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Delhi, UP etc. Members organized free health camps for poor people and their patients. Photo 1 is in Kolkata



FDD was celebrated both at government facilities and private practices. AFPI Rural ran a social media campaign by disseminating information of Family

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Doctors Day in various Indian languages. Observing FDD at family practices has gained momentum in recent years in India by general practitioners and family physicians. FDD is an apt opportunity to spread awareness about services family doctors provide to the society. The tradition of family doctors was on decline till recent times however common man continues trust and value the role of healthcare system in India. Academy of Family Physicians of India is spearheading the movement of mainstreaming and institutionalize family physicians and family medicine in India. Photo 2 is in Bihar.



AFPI project SETU celebrated. The aim of this project is to improve the standards of Primary care across India by bridging the gap between Urban and Rural Physicians. We want to create and facilitate opportunities so that Family physicians can go to villages and those from rural areas can experience urban successes and challenges.



Pakistan

College of Family Medicine Pakistan

We celebrated World Family Doctors Day on 6th May, 2018 due to Holy month of Ramzan which start from 17th May, 2018.

Prof Riaz Qureshi of AKU deliver lecture on “Family doctors – leading the way to better health” as announced by WONCA.



The following famous Medical personalities participated and talk about Family Medicine on the occasion: Prof Saeed Qureshi, Vice Chancellor of Dow Medical University of Health Science invited as Chief Guest and distributed the awards.

Guest of Honours

awards presented to: Prof Ejaz Vohra, Prof of Medicine, Ziauddin Medical University; Prof S. H. M. Zaidi, Rtd. Prof of Radiotherapy, JPMC, Karachi presently serving as Prof of Oncology in Baqi Medical University, Karachi; Prof Muhammad Iqbal Memon, Rtd. Prof of Paed Medicine Dow University of Health Science presently serving as Prof of Paed Medicine in Sir Syed Medical College.

Life Time achievement award presented to: Prof Sadiqa Jaffarey, Rtd. Prof of Gynae & Obst JPMC, Karachi. Friends of Family Medicine award presented to Prof Rukhsana W. Zubari, AKU; Prof Naseem Salahuddin, AKU; Prof Asma Fouzia Qureshi, AKU.

Excellence in Family Medicine award presented to: Dr Badar Sabir Ali, Former Vice President of CFMP and Associate Prof Family Medicine AKU; Dr Roshan Ali Hemani, Founder member of CFMP and famous Family Physician.; Dr G. Hyder Ali Dina, Senior Life member of CFMP and famous Family Physician.

Academic Members

Canada

University of Toronto Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM)

Prof Michael Kidd reports from his new post in Toronto Canada:

This year, DFCM is running a social campaign to celebrate World Family Doctor Day on May 19th. Thank you to all of you who shared great stories for Doctors' Day earlier this month.

Our campaign will celebrate and document your journeys as family physicians, with the aim of inspiring our medical students, the next generation of doctors, to join us in family medicine and to become powerful advocates for primary care.

To participate in the campaign, we invite you to answer one, or more, of the following questions and email your response to dfcm.communications@utoronto.ca.

What are you most proud of in your career as a family doctor?
Why did you choose to become a family doctor?
What advice do you have for aspiring family doctors?
What is the most satisfying thing about being a family doctor?
Who is the family doctor who inspires you the most?
Name three features of a great family doctor.

Let's celebrate World Family Doctors Day!

