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Dale Ragle, M.D., sworn in as TAFP treasurer

AUSTIN, TEXAS — Dale Ragle, M.D., of Dallas, Texas, was sworn in as treasurer of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 63rd Annual Session and Scientific Assembly in Austin. He assumed his duties July 14 at the annual Installation of Officers and Awards Lunch.

Dr. Ragle practices family medicine with the group Dallas Family Doctors. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and completed his post-graduate training at the Baytown Family Medicine Residency Program affiliated with the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston.

He has been a member of TAFP since 1991 and has been a member of the AAFP since 1987. During his tenure at TAFP, he has served on the TAFP Board of Directors, TAFP Executive Committee, TAFP Commission on Legislative and Public Affairs, TAFP Commission on Health Care Services and Managed Care, and TAFP Foundation Board. He is also a member of the Texas Medical Association and the Dallas County Medical Society.

Within his community, he has mentored at-risk high school students who are interested in medical or other science-oriented careers and has held "Ask the Doctor" clinics for inner-city churches.

Family physicians like Dr. Ragle are qualified to work in all major medical areas and trained to treat more than 90 percent of all cases they encounter. Family physicians care for patients of all ages.

During his year as TAFP treasurer, Dr. Ragle will serve as chair of the Finance Committee and will review income and expenditures of the Academy. He will work with other officers to lead the Academy: President Troy Fiesinger, M.D., of Sugar Land; President-elect Clare Hawkins, M.D., of Baytown; Vice President Ajay Gupta, M.D., of Austin; and Parliamentarian Tricia Elliott, M.D., of Galveston.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 33 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.