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## Tricia Elliott, MD, sworn in as TAFP President

DALLAS, TEXAS — Tricia Elliott, MD, FAAP, of Galveston, Texas was sworn in as the president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 2016 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Dallas, Texas. Elliott assumed her duties on Nov. 5 at the TAFP Business and Awards Lunch.

"I look forward to advocating for you and being your voice on the broad health care and systems issues that face us in our daily practices," Elliott said. "I hope to inspire the future family physicians in our students and residents to excitedly embrace family medicine as the noble and joyous profession it is."

Elliott is the director of the University of Texas Medical Branch Family Medicine Residency Program in Galveston. She is an associate professor for UTMB's Department of Family Medicine and formerly served the department as vice chair for clinical affairs. She previously served as program director of the Baylor College of Medicine/Kelsey-Seybold Clinic Family Medicine Residency Program in Houston.

Her medical degree was awarded by UTMB and her family medicine residency was completed at Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, New York. She received her undergraduate education at Rice University in Houston, Texas. Elliott was the recipient of TAFP's Special Constituency Leadership Award in 2014 and Political Action Committee Award in 2011.

She is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a member of the AAFP Commission on Education. Elliott is a past president of the Harris County Academy of Family Physicians and currently serves on the HCAFP advisory board. She is a member of the Society of Teachers in Family Medicine, the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, the Medical Group Management Association, and Harris County Medical Society.

As TAFP president, Elliott will represent the entire Academy, amplifying the voice of more than 8,000 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students. She will establish goals and objectives for the organization, and monitor and evaluate the organizational effectiveness and accomplishments of the membership.

Family physicians like Elliott 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.

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.