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Amer Shakil, MD, sworn in as TAFP Parliamentarian

DALLAS, TEXAS — Amer Shakil, MD, of Dallas, Texas, was sworn in as parliamentarian of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the 2016 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands. Hart assumed her duties Nov. 5 at the TAFP Business and Awards Lunch.

Shakil is currently Interim Chair of the UT Southwestern Department of Family and Community Medicine and Chair of TAFP's Commission on Academic Affairs. He also serves as Vice President of the Dallas chapter of TAFP and a member of the Board of Directors. He remains dedicated to serving his community by assisting in the creation of faith-based free clinics.

Shakil earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at Punjab University, his Medical Doctorate from the Education Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates in Philadelphia, and his Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Organization Leadership from the University of Texas.

Family physicians like Shakil 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 parliamentarian, Shakil will work with other officers to lead the Academy: President Tricia Elliott, MD, FAAP, of Galveston; President-Elect Janet Hurley, MD, of Whitehouse; Vice President Javier "Jake" Margo, Jr., MD, of Rio Grande City; and Treasurer Rebecca Hart, MD, of League City.

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.

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