

# CONNECTICUT FAMILY PHYSICIAN

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## Save The Date

CAFP Scientific  
Symposium  
October 27-28, 2010  
Aqua Turf Club  
Plantsville, CT

## CAFP Enrolls 4 New Members

Rlye E. Aoki, M.D.  
*Redding*

Teresa Beatriz Bravo, M.D.  
*Wallingford*

Veena Channamsetty, M.D.  
*Bethany*

Cible Mathulla, M.D.  
*Beacon Falls*

## 2010 Scientific Symposium Has All Bases Covered

James Kane, recognized as one of the nation's leading researchers and consultants in the science of loyalty and the role it plays in human relationships, will headline an outstanding faculty which will participate in the 2010 CAFPS Scientific Symposium on October 27-28, 2010 at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville.

Mr. Kane, who will keynote the Thursday session, will speak on "How to Build and Maintain Loyal Relationships in the Office."

Other leading speakers will include: Robert Oberstein, M.D., Director of Diabetes Life-Care at Hartford Hospital, who will speak on Common Thyroid/

Parathyroid Issues. Brett Wyman, who has both dental and medical degrees, and is a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UConn, will lecture on Oral Lesions: Evaluation in the Office.

Dr. Tonya Bilchik, Director of the Hartford Headache Center and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Connecticut School Of Medicine will talk on "How to Treat Non-Migrainous Headaches."

Kathleen Zelman, who is Director of Nutrition for WebMD, will close the Symposium on Thursday afternoon with a presentation on "DASH Diet: Die-

tary Approaches to Stop Hypertension."

There will also be lectures on the overactive bladder, an update on congestive heart failure, smoking cessation, coding and joint replacement.

Official programs for the Symposium will be mailed to all members around the beginning of September, and members are urged to watch their mail. The program will contain registration information and the names of all speakers who will cover the subjects listed above.

The Scientific Symposium program will be submitted to the American Academy of Family Physicians for a minimum of 15 hours of prescribed credit.

## Of Note...

- The CAFPS Board has made a \$500 contribution to the Connecticut Center for Primary Care. Drs. Kathy Viereg, CAFPS President, Stacy Taylor and Rob Cushman represent the Academy and are active in this group.
- Jessica Johnson, a medical student at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, was elected an Alternate Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates representing the National Congress of Student Members. Ms. Johnson was nominated for this position by the CAFPS Board of Directors.

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“The Consumer Alliance Program helps fulfill the AAFP’s objective of improving the health of the public, in that it allows new opportunities for excellent patient education through [FamilyDoctor.org](http://FamilyDoctor.org),” said AAFP Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer Douglas E. Henley, M.D.

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## AAFP to NBME: Cease Claims of Equivalence between FPs and APRNs

The AAFP has vigorously objected to some of the policies of the National Board of Medical Examiners, or NBME, related to health system reform. Specifically, the Academy is taking the NBME to task regarding its policies equating physicians with graduates of programs in clinical advanced practice nursing and graduates of physician assistant master's programs based on their scopes and depths of practice.

In a strongly worded letter from AAFP Board Chair Ted Epperly, M.D. to NBME President and CEO Donald Melnick, M.D., the Academy said it is "surprised and disappointed" by recommendations in the draft document "Policies of the National Board of Medical Examiners Regarding Health System Reform," which was approved in principle by the NBME mem-

bership in March.

The Academy strongly urges the NBME to "immediately reconsider" its recommendations and change its policies.

The Academy letter points to several sections of the NBME policies that indicate equivalency between primary care physicians and advanced practice registered nurses and notes that when AAFP leaders met with NBME representatives in September 2008, the NBME agreed to cease making such statements.

"At that time, you expressed regret and remorse for having made statements that both misled the public and permitted militant members of the nursing community to equate the 'certification' of a graduate from a doctor of nursing practice, or DNP, program with that of a

primary care physician," says the letter. "The content of these policy statements, unfortunately, once again seems to suggest equivalence between primary care physicians and advanced practice nurses."

In the letter, the Academy insists that the NBME "cease and desist this misguided effort to delude the American people" into thinking they receive the same breadth and depth of care from a nurse as they do from a physician.

"The NBME must clearly state that doctors of nursing practice are not equivalent to primary care physicians, that their scope of practice is substantially more narrow than that of physicians, and that they should, therefore, be assessed very differently than physicians," says the letter.

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