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Antonio Falcon, MD, named Physician of the Year

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — Antonio Falcon, MD, of Rio Grande City, Texas, has been awarded the highest honor among Texas family doctors by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. He was named the 2015 Family Physician of the year at the organization's 2015 Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 14. Each year, patients and physicians nominate extraordinary Texas family physicians and a panel of TAFP members chooses one as the Family Physician of the Year.

Falcon returned to the Valley, where he grew up, after completing medical school and residency. He has been practicing in Rio Grande City since 1980 and remains a staple of the community, playing an important role in bringing the first specialists to the small town in the mid-1980s because so many of his patients could not afford the drive to McAllen for appointments. Falcon also had a hand in the community receiving an additional nursing home, dialysis centers, and a permanent MRI.

He served as co-chair for Governor Perry's Prop 12 campaign in 2003, recently served on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and was a presidential appointee to the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission. Falcon is a current member of the Texas Health and Human Services Council. He mentors medical students through the Texas Statewide Family Medicine Preceptorship Program and serves as a clinical assistant professor for the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

Family physicians like Falcon 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.

Criteria for the TAFP Physician of the Year award requires that candidates be compassionately dedicated to their patients; active in their communities; and act as a credible, invaluable role model as a professional in the science and art of medicine. The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is honored to name Dr. Antonio Falcon the 2015 Family Physician of the Year.

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.