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## **Ajay Gupta, MD, sworn in as TAFP president**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — Ajay Gupta, MD, of Austin, Texas, was sworn in as president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during the organization’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit. He assumed his duties Nov. 14 at the annual Business and Awards Lunch.

Gupta is a partner with Jefferson Street Family Practice in Austin, Texas, and an associate professor of family medicine for both UTHSCSA and the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He has been a member of TAFP and the American Academy of Family Physicians, TAFP’s parent organization, since 1994. Within the Texas Academy, he has served on the TAFP Board of Directors, TAFP Foundation Board, Finance Committee and Executive Committee and as chair of the Commission on Health Care Services and Managed Care. Gupta is also a member of the Texas Medical Association and the Travis County Medical Society.

He was awarded his medical degree by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and completed his postgraduate medical training with the Corpus Christi Family Medicine Residency Program and Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi.

In his incoming presidential address, Gupta encouraged his fellow family physicians to get active in the Academy and help forward the voice of family medicine.

“But perhaps most importantly,” he said, “the Academy gives us the opportunity to do things collectively that we can’t do individually – whether it is to support a medical student interested in becoming a family physician or to influence public policy decisions. The Academy gives us a voice.

We need to continue to remind everyone that Family Medicine is the best hope to mend our broken health care system. We provide the best value out there. The most comprehensive care. The essence of our specialty is the key to fixing the system. It is who we are. We are compassionate. We treat the whole patient.”

Family physicians like Dr. Gupta 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.

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

During his year as TAFP president, Gupta will work with other officers to lead the Academy: President-elect Tricia Elliott, MD, of Galveston; Vice President Javier “Jake” Margo, Jr., MD, of Rio Grande City; Treasurer Janet Hurley, MD, of Whitehouse; and Parliamentarian 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](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*

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