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Jorge Duchicela, MD, named Physician of the Year

GALVESTON, TEXAS — Jorge Duchicela, MD, FAAFP, of Weimar, Texas, has been awarded the highest honor among Texas family doctors by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. He was named Family Physician of the Year during the organization’s 2017 Annual Session Primary Care Summit, in Galveston on Nov. 11. Each year, patients and physicians nominate extraordinary long-serving physicians and a panel of TAFP members chooses one as the Family Physician of the Year.

“I came to Weimar a well-trained family physician,” Duchicela said as he accepted the award. “There I discovered the training had just begun. I am thankful to all those patients who trusted me and had the patience to teach me how to become a better family physician.”

Originally from Guayaquil, Ecuador, Duchicela immigrated to the Wisconsin at the age of 13. He would later earn his Bachelor of Science and his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin. He completed his family medicine residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in both surgery and family medicine.

Duchicela is chief of the medical staff at Columbus Community Hospital. He is the founder and president of Texas Rural Family Medicine Education Center and the founder and director of Cachamsi, a nonprofit medical immersion institute to help health professionals learn Spanish and learn global and cross-cultural medicine. He served as board director of the Colorado Valley Chapter of TAFP for 10 years and he currently serves as chair of the TAFP Commission on Legislative and Public Affairs.

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 credible, invaluable role models in the science and art of medicine. The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is honored to name Dr. Jorge Duchicela the 2017 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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.