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## **Carlos Roberto Jaén, MD, PhD, FAAFP, receives the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Public Health Award**

ARLINGTON, TEXAS — Carlos Roberto Jaén, MD, PhD, FAAFP, of San Antonio, Texas, was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Public Health Award during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Arlington on Nov. 10. The award recognizes individuals who are making extraordinary contributions to the public health of Texas.

Jaén serves as the chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at UT Health San Antonio and he was the co-director of AAFP’s Center for Research in Family Medicine and Primary Care for more than a decade. He served on the panel that published the U.S. Public Health Service guidelines for smoking cessation in 1996 and 2000, and he was the co-chair of the panel in 2008. His research has been recognized nationally and in 2013 he was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

“In his role as an educator and leader, he shares his passion for family medicine and public health with medical students, residents, and faculty,” TAFP President Janet Hurley, MD, said at the awards ceremony. “He teaches and models the principles of public and population health and he inspires his students to care for patients the way he does.”

Jaén has demonstrated his passion for public health by serving in organizations that focus on improving population health, through his promotion of primary care research, and by inspiring the next generation of family physicians.

Family physicians like Jaén are qualified to work in all major medical areas and are trained to treat more than 90 percent of all cases they encounter. Family physicians care for patients of all ages.

*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.*