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Sheri Talley, MD, named Texas Family Physician of the Year

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS — Sheri J. Talley, MD, of Fort Stockton, Texas, has been awarded the highest honor among Texas family doctors by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. She was named the 2019 Texas Family Physician of the Year during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in The Woodlands on Nov. 9. Each year, patients and physicians nominate extraordinary family physicians throughout Texas who symbolize excellence and dedication in family medicine. A panel of TAFP members chooses one as the family physician of the year.

Talley grew up in West Texas and returned after residency to practice full-spectrum family medicine in the medically underserved area of Fort Stockton.

“Those who have practiced in a rural area know what an extraordinary choice that is – the rewards of being a highly valued member of your community and knowing your patients as neighbors, and the challenges of practicing in a remote area with few resources,” TAFP President Rebecca Hart said when presenting the award. “It takes a special person to practice on the frontier in a solo practice as she chose to do as a young, female physician.”

After almost a decade in private practice, Talley transitioned to correctional care at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility in Fort Stockton, where she cares for incarcerated patients. She is the Southern Regional Medical Director supervising medical directors at eight Texas department of criminal justice facilities.

Her involvement with organized medicine began in medical school as TAFP Student Affairs Committee Chair and then Resident Chair. She served as New Physician Delegate to the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates and as part of the American Medical Association Delegation representing AAFP in the Young Physicians Section. Talley became the first female and youngest TAFP President, serving from 1996 to 1997.

Family physicians like Talley 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.

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.