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**Amer Shakil, MD, MBA, sworn in as TAFP President**

AUSTIN, TEXAS — Amer Shakil, MD, MBA, of Dallas, Texas, was sworn in as president of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians during a virtual induction ceremony on Oct. 31.

Dr. Shakil holds the Dr. Bill Ross Professorship in Family Practice at the UT Southwestern Department of Family and Community Medicine and he is the vice president of the Dallas chapter of TAFP. He also assists in the creation of faith-based free clinics. Shakil earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at Punjab University, his Medical Doctorate from the Education Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates in Philadelphia, and his Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Organization Leadership from the University of Texas.

“As I prepared for my year as TAFP President, I’ve considered many goals and objectives. However, after the COVID-19 pandemic hit I learned about so many family physicians who are either struggling or had to shut down their practices.” Shakil said in his inaugural address. “I think the most important work of my presidency would be to provide support for our members in these unprecedented times.”

During his year as TAFP president, Shakil will work with other officers to lead the Academy: Immediate Past President and Board Chair Javier “Jake” Margo Jr., MD, of Rio Grande City; President-elect Mary Nguyen, MD, of Castroville; Treasurer Emily Briggs, MD, of New Braunfels; and Parliamentarian Terrance Hines, MD, of Austin.

Family physicians like Shakil are qualified to work in all major medical areas and trained to treat more than 90% 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](http://www.tafp.org) for more information.*