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Cristian Fernandez Falcon, MD, receives Exemplary Teaching Award

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS — Cristian Fernandez Falcon, MD, of San Antonio, Texas, was awarded the Texas Academy of Family Physicians Full-Time Faculty Exemplary Teaching Award during TAFP’s Annual Session and Primary Care Summit in Grapevine on Oct. 29. The award honors individuals with outstanding teaching skills and those who have developed and implemented innovative teaching models.

Falcon is the associate program director for the Family and Community Medicine Residency Program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where he is also an associate clinical professor in the Long School of Medicine. He previously served as interim director at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley’s McAllen Family Medicine Residency Program, where he helped the program recover full accreditation.

Falcon completed medical school and training in general surgery and plastic surgery in Argentina before moving to Corpus Christi, Texas, for his family medicine residency, then to Roanoke, Virginia, for a clinical fellowship in geriatric medicine.

In addition to utilizing traditional styles of teaching, Falcon works with more innovative techniques like small group teaching and quality improvement projects, and is currently developing a modern curriculum using podcasting. A nomination letter for Falcon said that his “enthusiasm for excellence is contagious.”

Family physicians like Falcon 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 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit www.tafp.org for more information.