

ARIZONA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS  
2010 ELECTION – BIOGRAPHICAL DATA MATRIX

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***Candidate for AzAFP President-Elect***

**Gregory R. Lewis, MD, FAAFP** (Age: 43)  
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**Spouse:** Kevin Hovendick

**Years in practice in AZ:**

14

**ABFP Certified:**

1995, 2001, 2007

**Medical College:**

University of Wisconsin – Madison, 1992 Graduate

**Residency:**

St. Luke's Family Practice Residency, 1995

**Partners or Associates:**

Medical Professionals of Arizona

**Previous AzAFP & other medical organizations' offices held:**

AzAFP Director at Large, Secretary, Vice President; AAFP National Conference of Special Constituencies Alternate Delegate and Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** The future of the AzAFP and Family Medicine lies in our hands. To successfully promote the health and adequately serve the people of Arizona, we must expand our role beyond that of being a doctor. We must be educators to our patients, students, residents and society. We must serve as advocates in matters of public policy. We must be active members of our communities, our hospitals and our Academy. The AzAFP must serve as a conduit to facilitate our member's professional development in these areas. Our collective talents, collaboration and persistence will accomplish our mission.

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***Candidate for AzAFP Vice President***

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**Years in practice in AZ:**

4.5

**ABFP Certified:**

2009

**Medical College:**

University of Arizona College of Medicine, 2005 Graduate

**Residency:**

Banner Good Samaritan Family Medicine Residency, 2008

**Partners or Associates:**

Hopi Health Center

**Previous AzAFP & other medical organizations' offices held:**

AzAFP Student Board Member and Student Delegate to the AzAFP Congress of Delegates, 2002; AAFP Medical Student Section Alternate Delegate and Delegate to the AMA, 2002-2005; AAFP Commission on Education, Resident Member, 2007; AAFP Commission on Practice Enhancement, Resident Member, 2008; AAFP Resident Delegate to the Congress of Delegates and member Commission on Education, 2009; multiple student and resident reference committees including chair as student and member of reference committee on Organization and Finance at AAFP Congress of Delegates, 2009; ArMA Resident Board Member, 2006-2007

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** We are in an exciting time for family medicine. Our value and contributions to medicine are being seen by those who lead this country. Our voice is being heard now more than ever and we need to keep this momentum going. I look forward to staying involved in the Arizona Academy of Family Physicians and the AAFP and working with other physician groups when needed to make life better for us and our patients. There is a lot of work to be done in the coming years to fix our payment schedules and improve the care of our patients; our

specialty needs to be at the forefront of these changes. I am ready to do the work needed and excited about the possibilities for our future.

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***Candidate for AzAFP Secretary***

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**Spouse:** William Holland, MD  
**Children:** Madison (19 months)

<b>Years in practice in AZ:</b>	7
<b>ABFM Certified:</b>	2008
<b>Medical College:</b>	University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, 1998 Grad
<b>Residency:</b>	Banner Good Samaritan Family Medicine Residency, 2001
<b>Partners or Associates:</b>	Banner Good Samaritan Family Medicine Residency
<b>Previous AzAFP &amp; other medical organizations' offices held:</b>	AzAFP Director at Large, 2009

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Family physicians are the heart and backbone of the American health care system. Although it may sometimes seem like both our hearts and backs are breaking, the AzAFP/AAFP has the power, knowledge and experience to make the changes and improvements necessary to ensure that Americans and Arizonans receive efficient, high-quality, and economical health care while at the same time ensuring that family physicians are reimbursed appropriately, as well as have the time to spend with patients and continue their own education rather than spending time on paperwork and red tape. The country is asking for changes to the health care system – family physicians need to be the lead voice in what those changes should be and how those changes are implemented for the betterment of patients *and* providers.

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***Candidate for AzAFP Director at Large***

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**Spouse:** Johanna Bailey  
**Children:** Hanna (31), Heidi (29), Hyland (27)

<b>Years in practice in AZ:</b>	10
<b>ABFM Certified:</b>	1997, 2004
<b>Pharmacy College:</b>	Medical University South Carolina, College of Pharmacy, 1979 Graduate
<b>Pharmacy Residency:</b>	University of Kentucky Medical Center, 1981
<b>Medical College:</b>	Creighton University School of Medicine – Omaha, 1994
<b>Residency:</b>	Hillcrest Medical Center, Tulsa, 1997
<b>Practice:</b>	Solo practice
<b>Previous AzAFP &amp; other medical organizations' offices held:</b>	AzAFP PCMH Task Force, AzAFP Payment Policy Task Force, Jim Dearing, DO AAFP Campaign Committee

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Primary care physicians have been the most benevolent of all physician groups and Family Medicine's approach to healthcare is unique and the most patient oriented, whole person and community-based of all medical sub-specialties, yet there is still a disconnect with a lot of the public believing that self-directed subspecialty care is more valuable than that of a coordinated approach directed by their personal physician. This has led to the undervaluing of Family Medicine and primary care in this country. From educating my patients, to regularly attending our national AAFP Scientific Assembly, including the AMA Roundtable in Boston, TransforMed and other workshops, and when corresponding to our Senators and Congressmen, my mantra has been pay parity across sub-specialties and across state lines. The call is for all of us to unite in those things we can agree on and that is for Family Medicine to gain more ground in the areas of professional respect, payment reform and effective recruitment of medical students into our specialty, before implementing more onerous federal mandates.

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***Candidate for AzAFP Director at Large***

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Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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**Spouse:** Chris Stewart

**Children:** Casey (6), Max (4)

**Years in practice in AZ:**

9

**ABFM Certified:**

2000, 2007

**Medical College:**

University of California – Los Angeles, 1997 Grad

**Residency:**

Mayo Clinic Arizona Family Medicine, 2000

**Partners or Associates:**

Scottsdale Healthcare Family Medicine Residency

**Previous AzAFP & other medical organizations' offices held:**

AzAFP Residency Program Director's Consortium, 2007-2009; Program Director, Mayo Arizona Family Medicine Residency, 2007-2009

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** In my nine years of practice I have had the privilege of educating future family physicians, caring for wonderful patients, and developing relationships with family physician colleagues and subspecialists throughout the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. I continue to be inspired by the enthusiasm for family medicine that I see in our youngest colleagues. While most of these physicians have chosen a different type of family medicine than the full-spectrum practice that has encompassed my early career, we share a passion for the continuity and relationship that are so important to providing quality care to our patients. The Arizona Academy has been instrumental in educating these young physicians as well as advocating for our ability to provide excellent, comprehensive care to our patients. Our Academy has garnered a national voice through advocacy for healthcare reform that is meaningful in the daily life of practicing family physicians and their patients.

As Director-At-Large, I hope to be a voice for family physicians at all career levels. We have much to learn from the energy and ideas of the newest physicians, and much to gain from the experience of all those who have watched the national debate over healthcare reform with each administration. The Arizona Academy should act as a guide to navigate state budget battles, an advocate to prevent abuses from insurers, and a focus of innovation to help us prepare the optimal medical home for our patients. I hope to serve you in the future.

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***Candidate for AAFP Delegate for the Arizona Chapter***

**Edward Schwager, MD** (Age: 55)

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**Spouse:** Robyn Schwager

**Children:** Rachel (23), Erica (21), Melissa (19)

**Years in practice in AZ:**

23.5

**ABFM Certified:**

1986, 1993, 2000, 2007

**Medical College:**

University of Arizona School of Medicine, 1983 graduate

**Residency:**

University of Arizona Family & Community Medicine

Residency, 1986

**Partners or Associates:**

Carondelet Medical Group, Inc. (80 Physician Group)

**Previous AzAFP & other medical organizations' offices held:**

AzAFP President, Vice President, Board Member, Education Committee, Education Committee Chair, Bylaws Committee, Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates, Alternate Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates. Multiple hospital committees and medical group committees and offices. President Southern Arizona Chapter American Heart Association.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** When new to practice some twenty three years ago, the more senior physicians in the doctors' lounge lamented about "the good old days" and were glad they were ready to get out of medicine just as I was starting. I do not plan on retiring any time soon, but the talk in the doctors' lounge (mostly by the sub-specialists due to the paucity of family physicians and internists in the institution) continues to lament "the good old days". Those days are gone. Change may be our only true constant. To make the future days good, to promote family medicine, and improve the health of our communities by more than one person at a time, we need our academy, organized medicine, to speak for us to legislative and corporate policy makers.

Family Medicine is in a perfect position for advancement in the current climate of legislative health care reform and greater understanding by industry of value of individuals' personal relationships with primary care physicians. Over the years I have experienced solo practice, and small and large group practices. Throughout the changes, my work has always been focused on improving patient care by promoting our ability to do all that we have been trained to do. The patient centered medical home (elements of which my office is piloting) works to utilize the skills and training of family medicine and combines these with systems and technology. All designed to improve patient care and the lives of family physicians.

As your Delegate to the AAFP, I will listen and elucidate your concerns from Arizona to the national Academy. It will be an honor to serve as one of your AzAFP Delegates to the AAFP.

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***Candidate for AAFP Alternate Delegate for the Arizona Chapter***

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**Spouse:** Kathy Thrift  
**Children:** Nicole (28), Ben (26)

**Years in practice in AZ:**

26

**ABFM Certified:**

1986, 1992, 1998, 2005

**Medical College:**

University of Arizona College of Medicine, 1983 Graduate

**Residency:**

Scottsdale Memorial Family Medicine Residency, 1986

**Partners or Associates:**

David C. Duncan, MD

**Previous AzAFP & other medical organizations' offices held:**

AzAFP Past President, 2004; AzAFP Vice-President, Secretary, Board Member, Education Committee, Nominating Committee; Yavapai County Delegate to the AzAFP Congress of Delegates; ArMA Treasurer, Vice Speaker, Board Member, Education Committee, Delegate; Yavapai County Medical Society President, Secretary, Treasurer; Yavapai Regional Medical Center past Chair Family Practice Department, Physicians Well-being Committee, Board of Trustee's Finance Committee, Medical Director Emergency Department; Yavapai County Board of Health President; Clinical faculty for University of Arizona College of Medicine and Midwestern College of Osteopathic Medicine

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Family doctors and the Arizona Academy still have difficult times ahead. We have decreasing reimbursement, increase regulation, pressing liability issues and crisis of our role in the hospital. Many non-physicians want "health care reform" which is insurance reform. Many proposals will profoundly affect the way we practice medicine. We know our importance in the care of our patients. We have an important role in determining the further of health care in the country. I would be honored to serve the Academy and the family physicians of Arizona and have input in these reforms. I hope to help the Academy to be more inclusive, reaching out to all family physicians in Arizona, bringing services and educational opportunities, being your voice to the national forum. Your Academy has your interest at heart and I am happy to do what I can to serve those interests.

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***Candidate for AAFP Alternate Delegate for the Arizona Chapter***

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**Spouse:** Theresa C. Carroll, RN, BSN  
**Children:** Andrew (10), Thomas (8)

**Years in practice in AZ:**

10

**ABFM Certified:**

1999, 2006

**Medical College:**

St. George's University School of Medicine, 1996 graduate

**Residency:**

Mid-Hudson Family Practice Residency, 1999

**Partners or Associates:**

Elysa Shaw, MD; Barbara Regis, PA-C

**Previous AzAFP & other medical organizations' offices held:**

AzAFP Director-at-Large, IMG Representative to AAFP  
NCSC. State Chair, AMA-Organized Medical Staff Section

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** It is obvious that there have never been more challenges facing medicine than ever before. Family Physicians could stand to gain so much, but also could lose it all without the right voice at the table. With the competing interests of the Nurse Practitioners vying for a piece of the Primary Care pie, as well as specialists who want to be considered "Medical Homes", healthcare dollars could easily be pulled away from those of us who have been serving as a patient's "go-to" physician for decades. Through my representation of this organization at the Washington DC Congressional Conference, as well as standing up as a voice of physicians in Maricopa County for years now both at our own Congress of Delegates as well as on local print and televised media, I have made it apparent to anyone who knows me that I can challenge the status quo, and I'm not afraid to do it in my own practice. In my practice, we have pushed out insurers who are not willing to deal with us as a business, and attempt to force ridiculous fee schedules and administrative headaches onto us. We have enjoyed having 20-30% of our patients pay us in cash at the door because we deliver a different level of service. I strongly believe that as one voice, Family Physicians can change healthcare delivery for everyone, as long as we're willing to rally around a common cause. I hope to bring that voice for all Arizona Family Physicians to the National table at the Congress of Delegates.