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THE FORMER LOGO OF THE SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF FAMILY MEDICINE (STFM)



The former logo of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine is composed of a figure that depicts a family: mother, father and child. The interlocking arms signify the stability of the family unit and the educational and protective functions of an intimate group with a history and a future.

Based on a Swedish medallion, the symbol was designed in 1965 by Mrs. Alexander Styne, a patient of Dr. Lynn Carmichael's, for the fledgling Family Medicine program at the University of Miami. Dr. Carmichael, a founder and first president of STFM, incorporated the symbol into the Society's official documents when it was founded in 1967, and the symbol was eventually used by other family medicine programs in the US and overseas. The Society registered this symbol as the official trademark of the organization in 1970.