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**2009 PFIZER/AAFP Foundation Visiting Professorship
Program in Family Medicine Award Recipient**

**University of South Alabama, Department of Family Medicine – Mobile,
Alabama**

Visiting Professor: Frank deGruy, MD, of University of Colorado

Summary of Program:

This visiting professor will be the Initial speaker in a lecture series titled “Creating Medical Homes.” The objective of this program is to begin the process of educating family physicians and others in the Mobile community regarding transitioning their practices into “medical homes.” During the professorship, Dr. deGruy will review this program’s Fundamentals of Doctoring and Behavioral Science curricula, as well as, the collaborative efforts between AltaPoint (formerly Mobile Mental Health) and the Department of Family Medicine and the collaborative efforts between the Mobile Housing Board and the Department of Family Medicine. He will offer concrete suggestions for change and provide instruction to faculty and residents in research design as it relates to community based activities. Along with many other qualifications for this professorship, Dr. deGruy has led his department through the creation of an innovative Family Medicine residency training program and clinical practice in Stapleton, Colorado that integrates community resources and programs, mental health and health behavior change principles, and traditional primary care to produce a new kind of clinician who can create and operate comprehensive, integrated medical homes.