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## **A TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DEPARTMENTS OF FAMILY MEDICINE (ADFM)**

### **1947**

**(June 10)**- The American Academy of General Practice (AAGP; name later changed to the American Academy of Family Physicians, or AAFP) is established. By the following year, residencies in general practice begin to develop.

### **1968**

**(December)**- The House of Delegates of the AMA at its Clinical Convention approves the “Essentials” for Residency Training in Family Practice; also during this same time, the Residency Review Committee for Family Practice (RRC-FP) approves the first Family Practice residency programs.

### **1969**

**(February 8)**- Family Practice is approved as medicine’s twentieth specialty.

### **1975**

**(September 3)**- In a letter to Edward W. Ciriacy, MD, then-STFM President, Paul R. Young, MD encloses a rough draft of the objectives and structure of “a proposed organization of chairmen of departments.” This proposal will form the basis for the establishment of a new organization in academic Family Medicine.

### **1978**

**(April 10)**- Articles of Incorporation are signed establishing ADFM as a corporation in Washington, DC. Charter members of the Board of Directors are:

*Edward W. Ciriacy, MD*  
*Hiram B. Curry, MD*  
*Eugene S. Farley, Jr., MD*  
*Lawrence L. Hirsch, MD*  
*Thomas L. Leaman, MD*

**1990**

**(August 31)**- The Association of Family Practice Residency Directors (AFPRD; name later changed to Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, or AFMRD) is established.

**1991**

The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM) begins to provide management support to ADFM; *Priscilla Noland* is named first Administrative Director of ADFM.

**1992**

AFMO (The Association of Family Medicine Organizations) is born out of a joint effort among AAFP, ADFM, AFMRD, STFM and the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG).

**1998**

ADFM engages in first strategic planning efforts for the organization.

**1999**

ADFM “Chairs List-serve” is initiated through the University of Wisconsin.

**2000**

Keystone III Conference inspires The Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project, a joint collaborative project between ADFM, AAFP, AAFP Foundation, ABFP, AFPRD, NAPCRG and STFM.

Results of the first ADFM-wide Department survey are published, regarding Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) contract.

**2001-2003**

ADFM develops *Template for Development* document; First ADFM logo designed and committees formed, with new ADFM website launched through the University of Kentucky.

**2002**

**(August 5)**- ADFM launches its Department Consultation Project.

**2004**

**(March)**- Future of Family Medicine (FFM) Project is published as a special supplement in the *Annals of Family Medicine*. *John C. Dickinson*, MD and *Samuel C. Matheny*, MD, MPH represent ADFM on FFM Project Leadership Committee.

*Ardis K. Davis*, MSW, is named first Executive Director of ADFM.

**2006-2008**

ADFM works with AFMRD, NAPCRG, and STFM to form the Council of Academic Family Medicine (CAFM), which replaces AFMO; ADFM President *Warren P. Newton*, MD, MPH, serves as first CAFM Chair.

ADFM invites first Department Administrator to attend the Annual ADFM Winter Meeting with Chair of the Department.

**2008**

ADFM celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Annual Winter Meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

**2009**

Visioning exercise helps ADFM develop a new logo and tagline: "Vision, Voice, Leadership."

**2010**

ADFM installs its first woman President, *Maryjean Schenk*, MD, MPH.

First Associate member administrators join ADFM.