



The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians announces the candidacy of Patrick Brent Smith, MD MLS MSc FAAFP of Cleveland, for the American Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors.

Dr. Smith is a practicing family physician in Indianola, Mississippi as well as faculty at the Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program in Greenville, MS. Smith returned to the Delta to practice after completing his training in 2013, and spent 9 years providing traditional family medicine in Cleveland and Ruleville, MS.

A native of Cleveland, MS, Dr. Smith is a first-generation physician and a lifelong resident of the state of Mississippi. A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Smith holds bachelor degrees in Biology (2005) and History (2010.) After completing medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS (2009), Smith trained in family medicine at the UMMC Family Medicine Residency before completing a primary care sports medicine fellowship at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. While in training, Smith completed a Masters in Science in Clinical Education from the University of Edinburgh (2014), and subsequently gained a Masters in Legal Studies with an emphasis in Healthcare Law from the University of Oklahoma (2018.) He carries a board certification in family medicine along with a CAQ in primary care sports medicine.

Dr. Smith is an active participant in multiple organizations throughout his career. He joined the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians and the American Academy of Family Physicians in 2008 and immediately became active in multiple roles as a student and resident. He served as a student delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates, a commission member, an AMA liaison, and finally as the resident member of the AAFP Board of Directors. During this time, he was also active in Mississippi, serving the MAFP on several task forces and committees while also filling the role of Resident member of the Mississippi State Medical Association Board of Trustees.

Since returning to practice in the Delta, Smith remains involved in multiple organizations. An active member of the MAFP, he chairs the Workforce Committee, is a member of the Advocacy Committee and is currently a Delegate to the AAFP Congress of Delegates representing Mississippi. A previous member of the MAFP Foundation Board of Trustees, Smith actively financially supports student and resident activities in Mississippi. In 2019, the MAFP recognized Smith as the New Physician of the year, while in 2015 he received the Mississippi Rural Health Champion Award.

Nationally, Dr. Smith became active with the AAFP Foundation upon completing residency, joining the Board of Trustees in 2013 and culminating as President in 2018. He continues to serve the AAFP Foundation as an active donor as well as lead consultant for the Emerging Leader Institute, where he works to develop the next generation of family medicine leaders. In 2022, Smith was recognized as the AAFP Foundation's Philanthropist of the year for his contributions to advancing family medicine.

Locally and statewide, Dr. Smith is an active participant in high school sports in his area and statewide. He served as team physician for multiple high schools and works with the Mississippi High School Activities Association to help address health and safety concerns for high school athletes and students. Most recently, Smith chairs the MHSAA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, assuming that role shortly before the COVID pandemic in 2020 and working diligently to ensure the safety and health of all participants. He also works with the athletic training community in statewide and regionally, having served as the physician member on the Mississippi Athletic Trainer's Association Board of Trustees and lectured multiple times at MATA meetings. He received multiple awards for this work, including MATA Sports Medicine Person of the Year twice, as well as the Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association Sports Medicine Person of the year in 2023.

Dr. Smith currently works in both the private and academic sector, as a clinical physician at the Indianola Family Medical Group in Indianola, Mississippi and as part time faculty at the Mississippi Delta Family Medicine Residency Program in Greenville, MS. Through both roles, Smith seeks to improve the healthcare of the residents of where he grew up, while working to train the next generation of family medicine physicians.

In his spare time, Dr. Smith is an avid reader and enjoys being outdoors on his farming and hunting land, which happens to be a favorite spot for Klover, his German short haired pointer. Living in his hometown of Cleveland presents Uncle Brent the opportunity to cheer on his nieces and nephews at their events and activities. When he can find the time, Dr. Smith loves to travel and experience the history of the United States.

