Dear Family Physician,

I am pleased to announce that at our Annual General Meeting this evening, the Section of General Practice officially became the Section of Family Medicine.

We believe this new name more accurately describes the work we do as family physicians every day. The term "family medicine" recognizes the specialized care we offer and communicates the important role we play in our patient’s lives and in the health care system as a whole.

As you would have seen in previous SGP Bulletins, we announced our intent to change the section name at the spring GP Forum and informed all family physicians via an SGP Bulletin on March 15. From there, we notified the Board, other AMA sections, etc. I would like to thank the AMA's Executive Office for helping us through this process and ensuring that good governance was practiced.

As our new name better suggests, we are here to represent the interests and needs of family physicians, our clinics and our patients. The Section of Family Medicine will continue to work on your behalf and to strengthen the voice of family physicians in Alberta.

Going forward, if you would like to get in touch with our new Section President, Dr. Kathryn Andrusky, or the Section Executive in general, please email sfmpres@albertadoctors.org.

Regards,

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