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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THREE HONORED WITH IAFP PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

OAK BROOK, Ill. – Three people were honored with the 2009 Illinois Academy of Family Physicians President's Award. Family physicians from around the state gathered at the IAFP Annual Awards banquet on December 5th in Oak Brook to honor outstanding contributions to the health of Illinois.

The IAFP President's Award is given at the discretion of the president to honor an individual or organization that has been instrumental in furthering the mission of the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. Javette C. Orgain, MD, IAFP president for 2008-09, selected three outstanding individuals for her President's Awards this year.

Rashmi K. Chugh, MD, MPH - DuPage County Department of Public Health

Dr. Chugh serves as chair of the IAFP Public Health Committee, one of the Academy's busiest groups. She has been a valued resource of information to IAFP on ongoing and emerging public health issues. At the same time, she is also a tremendous advocate for family medicine to the health care community and the public in her role as medical officer for DuPage County Dept. of Public Health. Dr. Chugh has been a reliable resource of public health information for the media and the people of DuPage County since taking the post in 2003. She is also president-elect of the DuPage County Medical Society and serving as a steering committee member of the Chicago Area Immunization Campaign.

Jerry Kruse, MD, MPH - SIU Dept. of Family and Community Medicine

Dr. Kruse is a family medicine leader on many fronts. He is the face of family medicine at SIU School of Medicine as department chair and assistant program director at the SIU's Quincy Family Medicine Residency program. He is also a board member of the Society of Teacher of Family Medicine (STFM) and serves as chair of the legislative affairs committee. He has served as an advisor on legislation for U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and for Barack Obama when he served in the U.S. Senate. Nationally, he was appointed to the Federal Council on Graduate Medical Education for a four-year term in 2007. Here in Illinois, he is also on the State Board of Health with an active role in the State Health Improvement Plan. Locally, he is on the board of directors at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Mayra Alvarez - Office of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin

Ms. Alvarez has served as the Health Legislative Aide (LA) to Sen. Durbin since January 2007. In that role, she has been a valuable resource and contact for the IAFP. She has welcomed family physicians to Washington, DC for meaningful discussions on health care reform and strengthening primary care. In between meetings, she has kept IAFP and AAFP informed and involved in policy discussions while continuing to support our family medicine priorities in Senate legislation. In late 2005 until April 2006 she served as a Legislative Fellow- health policy for then- U.S. Senator Barack Obama.

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Founded in 1947, the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians represents more than 3,800 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students dedicated to excellence in family medicine and the patients they serve.