

HAITIAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY PHYSICIAN

Towards the Advancement and Promotion of Excellence in Family Medicine in Haiti

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Context: The Haitian Association of Family Physician (AHMEF) is a non-profit socio-professional organization composed of health professionals working in *Family Medicine* (FM) field. As a young specialty in Haiti, there was a need to establish our identity by forming a structured entity; Implement, coordinate and support FM initiatives; Provide assistance to Family Physicians (FP) for their professional development and Unify FP voices both in promoting their professional interests and the well-being of their communities. We initiate the first steps in 2003. The first acronym was Haitian Family Medicine Society (SHAMEF). We reaffirmed FM founding principles in the Haitian context, advocated for FM as a medical specialty and have been involved in humanitarian missions after major disasters. AHMEF was officially created in 2018.

Our Mission is to promote the advancement of the specialty by supporting its members in the practice of the profession and by supporting research and training in FM to improve health of communities in Haiti.

Program Objectives

- Protect and promote high-quality practice of FM in Haiti by fostering biopsychosocial approach to address health problems.
- Encourage and support FP in their continuing education.
- Promote the specialty within the health system and ensure interaction with decision makers.
- Promote research and quality improvement activities.
- Defend members' professional interests.
- Contribute to the improvement of Haitian population health through targeted activities and advocacies.
- Facilitate better interaction between FP and other specialists.

Achievements

- Development of regulations, statutes, policies and procedures
- Organization of Inaugural General Assembly & Election
- Establishment of the Executive Committee and sub-committees:
 1. Scientific and Academic
 2. Ethics and Mediation
 3. Public Relations and Communication
- Organization of regular monitoring and evaluation meetings
- Legal recognition of the Association
- Establishment of a regional committee
- Celebration of World Family Physicians Day
- Creation of an Action Plan and Budget (2018 - 2019)

Ongoing Activities: We continue advocacy and promotion of FM and FM Residency Programs; Create the Association official website; Establish relationships with local and international medical and professional associations; Organize scientific meetings, mobile clinics, support during national emergencies and disaster, etc. and Find human, material and financial resources to help the growth of the association.