

Debra Doubek, MD named 2013 Kansas Family Physician of the Year – follows in her father’s footsteps



Twenty-one years ago, KAFP congratulated Herb Doubek, MD (Belleville) as the 1992 Kansas Family Physician of the Year. Today, it is his daughter, Debra Doubek, MD (Manhattan) who we have proudly selected as our 2013 Kansas Family Physician of the Year. This is the first time in KAFP history this has happened – parent and offspring are both Kansas FPOY recipients!

“She is a provider of physician and emotional care,” says President and CEO Mercy Regional Health Center, John R. Broberg, FACHE. Mr. Broberg points out that in 2012 she was ranked 99th percentile for patient satisfaction by her hospital inpatients – wow!

Flint Hills Community Clinic is Manhattan’s free clinic serving the uninsured. It has significantly benefited from Dr. Doubek’s caring hand, as she helped found the clinic in 2006. The clinic has provided more than 7,000 free appointments in the last 5 years. Dr. Doubek not only treats patients – she also advocates for them, facilitating their referrals and finding needed medications and medical supplies. In 2010, the Medical Director left on sabbatical and Dr. Doubek essentially took the role of Acting Medical Director, providing major assistance to the clinical coordinator until the Medical Director’s return. Dr. Doubek mentors medical students and allows pre-med students to shadow her at the community clinic, showing them the value of giving back.

Patients and peers nominate Family Physician of the Year candidates. Nominees submit a statement on “What being a family physician means me” along with the curriculum vitae and photo. A committee narrows down the results and chooses the final winner.

KAFP also congratulates and thanks the other finalists for 2013 Kansas Family Physician of the Year for their service to their patients and communities:



Charles Green, MD



Crystal Hill, MD



Kevin Hoppock, MD



Scott Stringfield, MD

Dr. Doubek’s story is featured in the spring issue of the [Kansas Family Physician](#). She will be presented her award at the President’s Dinner & Installation of Officers during the Annual Meeting, June 14, 2013.