



House of Delegates Report
Annual Meeting 2026
Kevin Berg, MD
Annual Meeting Chair

We are excited to gather once again at the Tropicana for the 2026 NJAFP Annual Meeting. With the Quarter featuring an eclectic mix of dining, shopping, and entertainment, the Tropicana remains a great backdrop for reconnecting celebrating the spirit of family medicine.

At the House of Delegates we will engage in thoughtful discussions, debate resolutions, and elect our new NJAFP officers and Board members. The House remains a reflection of our members' commitment to shaping the future of Family Medicine in New Jersey.

We also continue to build on our commitment to delivering timely, clinically relevant content for our CME sessions. This year we will explore the influence of technology in our practices with a focus on the impact, both good and bad, of AI. Our women's health track will feature timely and important topics impacting our patients. Also, we pay tribute to Dr. Frank Snope, the founder of Family Medicine in New Jersey and a pioneer in the specialty. All of the sessions this weekend tackle evolving challenges in patient care and the practice of family medicine.

This event would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the NJAFP Staff. When you see them, take a moment to thank them for their efforts in curating an event that seamlessly blends education, advocacy, collaboration, and a little bit of fun.

Did I forget to mention fun? I hope to see you all at the Exhibitor Reception, the Resident Knowledge Bowl and the Saturday Awards Celebration. Certain to be a fun time for all.

The 2026 Annual Meeting gives us time to learn, connect, celebrate, and recommit ourselves to pursuing excellence in patient care and the future of our profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Berg, MD



To: Kevin Berg
From: Theresa Barrett, PhD, CMP, CAE
Date: April 30, 2025
Re: NJAFP 2025 Annual Meeting

Dates: May 1 – 3, 2026
Location: Tropicana Atlantic City
Theme: Technology in Medicine



Highlights as of 04.29.2026

- There are 183 attendees across all attendee categories
- There are 16 exhibitors, 3 of which are recruiters
- There is one education sponsor (Exact Science) who will doing a sponsored lunch
- There are 10 confirmed Knowledge Bowl Teams. This may change as some programs were still due to register
- 48 posters have been submitted for the Poster Competition
- All details regarding exhibitors and speakers can be found in the app. Details for downloading the app appear at the end of the document.

Agenda

The agenda appears below.

Start Time	End Time	Session	Presenter	Location
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Coffee & Continental Breakfast		
8:00 AM	10:00 AM	NJAFP House of Delegates		Mambo
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	NJAFP House of Delegates - Installation of Officers New Fellows		Mambo
12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Lunch		
1:15 PM		NJAFP House of Delegates <i>(continues until all business has been concluded)</i>		Mambo
2:00 PM	6:30 PM	Annual Meeting Registration Opens		
3:00 PM	3:45 PM	FR1: Clinical Informatics: Using AI to Improve Office Efficiency This session provides an overview of how clinical informatics and AI tools can support office workflows.	Kennedy Ganti, MD	Mambo

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3:45 PM	4:30 PM	FR2: Dermatology Clinical Pearls This practical session will give you the dermatology clinical pearls that you need to recognize common and high-risk skin conditions, avoid common pitfalls, and know when to treat, biopsy, or refer.	Everett Schlam, MD	Mambo
4:30 PM	5:15 PM	FR3: AI in Primary Care This session explores the emerging role of AI agents in primary care, with a focus on how practices can use these tools beyond documentation to support daily operations and reduce administrative burden.	Mark Pothen	Mambo
5:15 PM	7:30 PM	Exhibitor Reception & Resident Job Fair		Castanet
7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Resident Knowledge Bowl		Mambo

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026

Start Time	End Time	Session	Presenter	Location
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast & Exhibits		Castanet
8:00 am	8:15 AM	SA0: What's New at NJAFP!	Ray Saputelli, MBA, CAE	Mambo
8:15 am	9:15 am	SA1: Partnering for Change: Effective Strategies in Obesity Management This interactive session will equip clinicians with up-to-date, guideline-based strategies for diagnosing and managing obesity as a chronic, relapsing disease. Through a mix of patient stories, didactic content, and guided reflection, participants will explore the lived experience of people with obesity and examine how weight bias and stigma can undermine trust and treatment outcomes. The session concludes with a team-based discussion and action-planning segment, helping participants integrate practical point-of-care tools and collaborative care strategies into their daily practice to improve outcomes for patients living with obesity.	Robert F. Kushner, MD Khadija Merchant, MD	Mambo
9:15 AM	9:45 AM	SA2: Measles, Mumps, and More This session will provide an update on measles, mumps, and other vaccine-preventable illnesses relevant to primary care.	Everett Schlam, MD	Mambo
9:45 AM	10:15 AM	Break on the Exhibit Floor (Exhibit Floor Closes at 10:15am)		Castanet
9:45 AM	11:15 AM	Past Presidents Meeting You must be an NJAFP Past President to participate in this session.		Samba
10:15AM	11:00 AM	SA3: What Every Family Physician Needs to Know About Pancreatic Cancer Designed for family physicians, this session reviews essential information about pancreatic cancer, emphasizing recognition, coordination of care, and ongoing patient management in the primary care setting.	Anna Berkenblit, MD	Mambo

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11:00 AM	12:00 PM	<p>SA4: The Frank Snope, MD Memorial Keynote Address – Family Medicine in New Jersey and the Nation: The Role of Frank C. Snope, Founding Chair of Family Medicine at Rutgers</p> <p>This session explores the evolution of Family Medicine in New Jersey and nationally through the contributions of Frank C. Snope, MD, founding chair of Rutgers Family Medicine. Participants will examine the origins of the preceptorship model, early use of standardized patients for competency assessment, and the factors that shaped the nation’s oldest residency education network, while also reviewing Rutgers’ current role as a research engine demonstrating the value of Family Medicine and considering future challenges and opportunities for the specialty.</p>	David Swee, MD Alfred Tallia, MD	Mambo
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Sponsored Lunch		
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	Poster Viewing		
1:30 PM	2:15 PM	<p>SA5: Myths, Risks, and Benefits: Exploring Hormone Therapy in the Management of Menopausal Symptoms</p> <p>This session reviews the physiologic changes of menopause and evidence-based options for symptom management, with a focus on hormone replacement therapy (HRT).</p>	Gloria Bachman, MD Nancy Phillips, MD	Mambo
		<p>SA6: Hepatitis Update</p> <p>This update offers a high-level review of hepatitis, including common types, evolving trends, and considerations important to family physicians. The session is designed to support awareness and understanding in everyday clinical practice.</p>	Jihad Slim, MD	Bossa Nova
2:15 PM	3:00PM	<p>SA7: Improving Contraceptive Counseling & Access Utilizing Point of Care Best Evidence Tools</p> <p>This session reviews current updates in contraceptive screening relevant to primary care practice, including patient assessment, risk considerations, and method selection. Participants will explore practical approaches to applying updated guidance in clinical settings to support safe, individualized, and evidence-based contraceptive care.</p>	Catherine Casado Pabon, MD	Mambo
		<p>SA8: When Patients Ask AI First: Mental Health Risk and Realities from Childhood to Adulthood</p> <p>Learn what happens when patients rely on AI for their mental health from the team at the NJ Pediatric Psychiatric Collaborative.</p>	Meera Wells, MD, FAPA Daniel Weiner, MD Nathan Carroll, DO, MBA, MPH	Bossa Nova
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Break		
3:15 PM	4:00 PM	<p>SA9: Conducting Patient-Centered & Evidence-Based Cervical Cancer Screening</p> <p>This session provides an overview of current updates to cervical cancer screening guidelines, with attention to changes in screening intervals, testing options, and risk-based follow-up considerations.</p>	Jeff Levine, MD	Mambo
		<p>SA10: Best Practices in HIV Screening</p> <p>This session provides a practical overview of HIV screening in primary care, including current guidelines, testing strategies, and approaches to routine implementation across a range of clinical settings. Participants will review risk-based and routine screening recommendations, interpretation of test results, and linkage to care.</p>	Ann Bagchi, PhD	Bossa Nova

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4:00 PM	4:45 PM	SA11: A Primary Care Approach to Evaluating & Managing Abnormal Uterine Bleeding This session provides a practical overview of abnormal uterine bleeding, including common causes, initial evaluation, and management considerations across a range of clinical settings. Participants will review approaches to assessment, differential diagnosis, and treatment planning.	Anna Sliwowska, MD	Mambo
		SA12: Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy for Musculoskeletal Conditions This session provides an overview of extracorporeal shockwave therapy as a treatment option for selected musculoskeletal conditions, including its proposed mechanisms, clinical applications, and current evidence base. Participants will review patient selection, treatment considerations, and practical issues related to incorporating this modality into clinical practice.	Aixa Navia, MD	Bossa Nova
4:45 PM	6:00 PM	Free Time		
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Awards Celebration		

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026

Start Time	End Time	Session	Presenter	Location
8:30 AM	9:45 AM	SU1: CME Breakfast - AI in Medicine: Hype, Hope, and Hard Truths This session provides a high-level overview of AI in medicine, including how today's tools evolved and where they are being used in clinical care. Participants will explore potential benefits and limitations, key risks (bias, privacy, safety, and liability), and practical considerations for both patient-facing AI and physician-facing tools to support informed, responsible use.	Ryan Kauffman, MD	Bossa Nova
10:00 AM	12:00 PM	KSA – Palliative Care Deepen your understanding of palliative care and fulfill your ABFM and NJ State licensure requirements in this interactive group learning experience.	Ryan Kauffman, MD	(Hybrid Session) Bongo
12:00 PM		Conference Concludes		

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