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Dr. Paul Martin inaugurated President of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

Paul A. Martin, DO, FACOFP, of Dayton, Ohio, was inaugurated as President of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) during the recent 2012 ACOFP Annual Convention in Kissimmee, Florida. An established leader within both local and national medical communities, Dr. Martin is the founding president and a current board member of Providence Medical Group, the largest physician owned and operated medical group in the Dayton area. Dr. Martin is also a practicing physician with the Family Care Center, Dayton.

At his inauguration, Dr. Martin spoke about his deep commitment to innovation among health care providers, citing the need for changes in recruiting medical students, training residents, approaches to patient care and health care financing. "Over the upcoming year of my presidency, I will be calling on our Board of Governors and all ACOFP members to 'embrace innovation,'" said Martin. "As an example, we need to encourage our members to move from "episodic" care, where we see patients only in cases of illness, to "longitudinal" care, where we oversee the ongoing care of each patient, including preventative measures to help assure good health."

For the past 10 years, Dr. Martin has been a member of the ACOFP Board of Governors, including service as secretary-treasurer, and chairman of a number of important College committees. In 2008, Dr. Martin received the Distinguished Fellow Award of ACOFP, which is presented to Fellows who have exhibited exemplary service to the College.

Providence Medical Group is the largest medical practice group in greater Dayton solely owned and operated by the member physicians, and is part of Providence Health Partners, LLC. Currently, Providence maintains twenty-two primary care practices, as

well as specialty practices in obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery, pediatrics, and urogynecology. The Providence Diabetes Center, Providence After Hours Care, The Providence Health Partners Clinical Research Center, The Providence Medical Laboratory and Enduring Youth Skin & Laser Center are also parts of Providence Health Partners. For more information, go to www.provmedgroup.com, or contact Beth Patak at Providence Medical Group, phone (937) 297-8999; email bpatak@provmedgroup.com.

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