Opportunities for Professional Advocacy
CAFP / AAFP Local, State, National Involvement

Opportunities to ensure that family medicine includes comprehensive reproductive health care, including evidence-based information about access to contraception, abortion, and the unique role of family medicine.

(C)AFP / AAFP makes policy recommendations shaping the scope of family medicine.

TEACH encourages and organizes family physicians to introduce and support resolutions at state and national academies, collaborating closely with other states and professions to provide materials, talking points, and testimony.

2015 policy resolutions:
- Promote Transparency in Medical Education in Religiously Affiliated Healthcare Settings
- Support Placement and Coverage of LARC in the Early Postpartum Period

Past successful policy resolutions:
- Include Coverage for Vasectomy in ACA Contraceptive Mandate (CA)
- Promote Emergency Contraceptives Effective Regardless of Weight (CA)
- Oppose Unnecessary Requirements on Clinicians Perform Abortions (NCSC)
- Endorse Access to Oral Contraceptive Pills Over-the-Counter (AAFP)
- Increase IUD Education in Family Medicine (AAFP)
- Endorse the US Medical Eligibility Criteria for Contraceptive Initiation (AAFP)
- Routine Residency Training in Abortion and Contraception (CAFP)
- Removing Barriers to Contraceptive Access for Low-Income Women (AAFP)
- Resolution to End Age Restrictions for Emergency Contraception (EC) Access

Exercise: If there could be a law... (Brainstorm possible RH resolutions in 2-3 groups)

Opportunities to get involved / upcoming meetings to attend
- Blog opportunities with CAFP, TEACH
- Chapter or CAFP Funds to send residents to meetings

- Chapter Meetings and Retreats – contact primary representative
- SFP North American Forum on Family Planning / ARHP
- AAFP Congress of Delegates
- (C)AFP All Member Advocacy Meeting (AMAM)
- NCCL
- STFM
- NAF
- AAFP Residents and Students

Consider joining: