

NHAFP Family Physician of the Year Nomination Form

Name of Nominee: Gerard J. Hevern, MD, FAAFP

Please describe how the physician exhibits the following criteria:

- 1. Is directly and effectively involved in community affairs and activities that enhance the quality of his/her community:** Dr. Hevern has long been active in community affairs. He has lectured at local and regional high schools, colleges, and universities about substance abuse issues. He has also appeared on local television stations to discuss subjects such as prescription drug abuse and alcohol abuse. On the state level, he has served as a member of the Prevention Advisory Committee of the New Hampshire Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He has also been a leader with the New Hampshire Youth Advocacy Project and New Hampshire Easter Seals.
- 2. Provides a credible role model professionally and personally to his/her community, to other health professionals, and to residents and medical students:** Education has long been an important part of Dr. Hevern's medical career. From 1990 to 1998 he held an appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor of Community and Family Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School. For over 25 years, he has lectured extensively throughout New England to groups of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, addiction specialists, and students about a variety of topics such as management of chronic pain; chemical dependency as a family and community problem; alcohol withdrawal in the ICU; multi-drug overdose; the interface of pain and addiction; addiction pharmacology; drug abuse in the elderly; and opioid use, abuse, and diversion.
- 3. Can effectively represent the specialty of family medicine and the AAFP in public speaking:** Dr. Hevern is more than qualified to represent family medicine and our Academy as Family Physician of the Year. As described above, he is an accomplished public speaker, having lectured extensively to patients, families, medical professionals, and students on a variety of topics. He also has experience working with various stakeholders, from hospital administrators, government officials, health insurance companies, and managed care leaders and knows how to speak truth to power. His unique combination of competence and experience as a family physician, an addiction specialist, and a pain management specialist make him a particularly apt choice for the 2016 NHAFP Family Physician of the Year given the opioid addiction crisis we are facing both at the state and national level.