



"COEUR D'ALENE PHYSICIAN NAMED FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR BY THE IDAHO ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS"

The Idaho Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) named Dr. Richard McLandress from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho as the 2017 Idaho Family Physician of the Year at the 69th Annual Conference of the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians in McCall, Idaho. A tribute was made to Dr. McLandress for his generous contributions to his profession, to medical education and his service and dedication to his community and the state.

McLandress has served the community of Coeur d'Alene and the State of Idaho in countless leadership roles. Along with practicing with his six physician group for the past 40 years, he also serves on a number of committees in his community and at the state level. Dr. McLandress is originally from eastern Washington, graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine and completed his family medicine residency training in Spokane before starting his practice in Coeur d'Alene. He served as a member of the Idaho State Board of Education, Governor's Task Force on Medical Education; he serves as Director, Kootenai Health Family Medicine Residency and is responsible for the establishment of the residency program. As he has considered what is needed in his community to ensure ongoing high quality health care is available, he worked tirelessly to start a family medicine residency program. The Kootenai Family Medicine Residency Program now has a full complement of residents. The 18 family medicine residents in Coeur d'Alene are providing expanded access to high quality family medicine in north Idaho. The first class of 6 residents graduated in June 2017 with many of them staying in Idaho to continue to serve the citizens of the State. Dr. McLandress is the reason there is expanded access to family medicine care through the residency program. This is one of the examples of how dedicated Dr. McLandress is to ensuring his community is as healthy as it can be.

Dr. McLandress also serves a leadership role on the Board of Directors of Panhandle Health District, chair of the Community Task Force on Immunization, and a member of the Spokane-Rathdrum Sole-Source Aquifer Task Force to name a few.

Dr. McLandress is an amazing role model for the physicians and community members in the Coeur d'Alene area and the state and region.

Dr. McLandress commented at the ceremony *“I believe that such an award really represents the many great strengths of our entire community's commitment to developing a vibrant and strong Family Medicine Residency. Kootenai Health, with the State of Idaho, the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians, the Coeur d'Alene community and the WWAMI-University of Washington School of Medicine are all together successfully enhancing health care in the entire region.”*