

## Biography – Dennis F. Saver, MD, FAAFP

Leaving behind 4- season climate and dry air, I departed Colorado after high school in order to attend the experimental New College of Sarasota, FL. Three years of marvelous intellectual freedom to pursue avocationally the liberal arts, while gaining a mentor in cell biology and learning techniques of bench research, was a richly nurturing broth. My career plans morphed from clinical research to primary care when I spent a year after college working with inner city clinics in Philadelphia. During this year, I also began a life-long interest in Medical Ethics; after freshman year at MCP, I had a summer fellowship to visit 6 established medical ethics programs, and subsequently helped organize the first lectures in Medical Ethics at MCP. My residency choice was a consequence of the career change of Dr. Ron Carson, from New College, to founding the Division of Medical Humanities at the University of Florida College of Medicine. Since moving back to Florida after 10 years in rural West Virginia, I have chaired the Institutional Ethics Committee at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach for over 20 years.

“Everyday ethics,” of routine medical practice, have always been most dear to me. The balance between patient autonomy and professional authority is frequently nuanced and not necessarily either simple or unchanging. I strive to treat my patients as I would wish to be treated myself. Some patients wrote nice things about me a few years ago which eventuated in me being chosen as the national AAFP Family Physician of the Year in 2001. My very first FSU Ft Pierce campus longitudinal student nominated me to GHHS. Each summer, I tell my new 3<sup>rd</sup> year students that one of my major goals for their longitudinal rotation is that they get to know their panel of patients over the course of the year, to peel the layers and find that the connections get deeper and deeper....and more satisfying. There have been many job stresses, and intermixed administrative victories, as I have been President of my group, the Chairman of my hospital department, and the member or chair of many committees and boards of directors. However, it is the narratives of my patients’ lives, which I am graced to share, that consistently anchor my humanism and feed my soul.

## Dennis F. Saver, MD

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### Board Certification:

American Board of Family Practice, 1980; Recertified 1987, 1994, 2002, 2009  
Geriatrics, Certificate of Added Qualification, 1994; Recertified 2005, 2015  
American Associate of Medical Review Officers, 1997

### Fellowship:

Fellow, AAFP, 1981

### Licensure:

Florida #33013

### Education:

AAFP, Fundamentals of Management Program, 1996-1997  
**Residency:** University of Florida Family Practice, Gainesville, FL, July 1977 to June 1980  
**MD:** Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 1977  
**BA:** New College, Sarasota, Florida, June 1972, Senior Thesis: Cellular Biology  
George Washington High School, Denver, Colorado, Graduated in Junior year, 1969

### Honors:

2000-2001 American Academy of Family Physicians "Family Doctor of the Year"  
2000 Florida Academy of Family Physicians "Family Doctor of the Year"  
  
Treasure Coast Health Care Champion (Physician Excellence) - 2012  
"Keeper of the Mission" Award, Florida State University College of Medicine, Ft. Pierce  
Campus 2011  
Gold Medical Humanism Society, 2009, Florida State University College of Medicine  
"Mizer Award" Indian River County Taxpayers Association, 2006  
Best Doctors in America, 2003-present  
Best Doctors in Florida, 2004-present  
1996 Olympics "Community Hero" Torchbearer  
1996 Florida Nominee for US Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for  
Community  
Leadership  
1994 Young Leader Award, Florida Academy of Family Physicians  
1987 Volunteer of the Year (Professional Programs), WV Heart Association  
1977 Upjohn Medical Achievement Award, MCP  
1977 Eva Fernandez Fox Award (inaugural), MCP

### Appointments:

Courtesy Clinical Associate Professor, U. of Florida Dept. of Family and Community  
Medicine, Gainesville, FL, 2002-present; Clinical Assistant Professor 1993-2002

Clinical Associate Professor Family Medicine, FSU College of Medicine, 2011-present;  
Clinical Assistant Professor Family Medicine 2003-2010  
Clinical Assistant Professor, WV University School of Medicine, Dept. Family Practice,  
Morgantown, WV, 1989-1990  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Marshall University School of Medicine, Dept. of Family  
Practice, Huntington, WV, 1985-1990

**Memberships:**

Florida Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
Florida Medical Association  
Indian River County Medical Association  
American Medical Association  
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities  
American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology

**AAFP Activities:**

Florida Delegate to AAFP Congress of Delegates 2007-2013; Alternate Delegate 2014-2015  
Chair, Patient Centered Medical Home Task Force, FAFP 2008-2013  
Vice President, Florida Academy of Family Physicians Foundation 2006-2010  
Member, AAFP Commission on Quality and Practice 2007-2010  
Medical Director, EHR *Now!* Project, FAFP, 2005-2008  
Chairman of the Board, Florida Academy of Family Physicians, 2005-6  
President, Florida Academy of Family Physicians (FAFP) 2004-5  
President-Elect, FAFP 2003-2004  
Secretary-Treasurer, FAFP 2000-2003  
Chairman, Government Affairs Committee, FAFP, 1992-2000  
Board of Directors, FL Academy of Family Physicians, 1992-1995; 1996-2015  
Board of Directors, WV-AAFP, 1989-1990  
House of Delegates, WV-AAFP, 1983-1986  
Chairman, Education Committee, WV-AAFP, 1984-1990  
Member, AAFP Young Physician's Committee, 1985, 1986  
Resident Representative, AAFP Commission on Legislation & Governmental Affairs,  
1979, 1980  
Resident Director, Board of Directors, FAFP, 1979, 1980

**Medical Society and Hospital Activities:**

Chairman, Department of Family Practice, Indian River Memorial Hospital, 2013-present;  
1999-2003  
Member, Medical Executive Committee, Indian River Memorial Hospital, 2013-present;  
1999-2003  
Chairman, Indian River County Medical Society Public Health and "We Care"  
Committee,  
1991-present  
Board of Directors, Florida Physicians Association, 1999-2005  
Chairman, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Treasure Coast Rehabilitation  
Hospital,

2002-2005

Member, Florida Medical Association Statewide Task Force on Indigent Care, 1991-1993

Member, Council of WV State Medical Association, 1989-1990

Vice-Chief of Staff, Preston Memorial Hospital, Kingwood, WV 1985-1988

President, Preston County Medical Society, 1982

**Community Activities:**

President, We Care Foundation of Indian River, 2014-present

Member, Florida Surgeon General's Physician Workforce Advisory Council, 2015-present

Member, Florida Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee, ACHA, 2008-present

Fellow, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, 2013-2015

Member, Steering Committee, South Florida Regional Extension Center, 2010-2015

Member, National Quality Forum "Steering Committee on Multiple Chronic Conditions", 2011-2012

Member, Florida Health Information Network White Paper Minimal Clinical Dataset Workgroup 2006

Member, Laboratory Advisory Committee, Florida ACHA, 2004

Tai-Chi for Arthritis Instructor, 2002-present

Tai-Chi for Diabetes Instructor 2012-present

Tai-Chi for Rehabilitation Instructor 2016-present

4<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt, Jiu Jitsu and Karate, 2016

Eagle Scout, 1968

Board of Directors, People's National Bank of Rowlesburg, WV, 1982-1990

Medical Advisor, Preston County Paramedic Association, 1984

**American Heart Association:**

ACLS National Faculty, 1983-1988

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Instructor, 1980-1994

Chairman, ACLS Subcommittee, AHA West Virginia Affiliate, 1982-1986

Medical Director, ten ACLS Instructor courses, 1983-1987

**Medical Ethics Activities:**

Chairman, Ethics Committee, Indian River Memorial Hospital, 2002-present;  
member 1999-present

Organized the "Medical Ethics Colloquia Series", Medical College of PA, 1976

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Bioethics, MCP, 1974-1976

Fellowship Grant from Institute of Human Values in Medicine, 1975

Board of Directors, Health Care & Human Values Task Force, Philadelphia, 1975-1977

**Experience:**

July, 1994 – present:

President (Founding: 1994-1996; 2004- 2008; 2013-2017) and staff physician, Primary Care of the Treasure Coast, Vero Beach, Florida. Primary care group practice grown from 8 to 17 providers. President, PCTC Building Co., Inc. (1996-1999); managed construction project of 21,500 sq. ft. medical office.

November 2009-2012:

Editorial Board Member, U Penn-UDP Best Practices ([www.bestpracticecpd.com](http://www.bestpracticecpd.com)), web-based Continuing Professional Development in Patient Centered Care

July, 2005 – 2009:

Editorial Board Member, Journal of International Pediatrics

November 2000 – June 2009:

Primary Care Editorial Board member for FirstConsult.com (Elsevier publishing).  
Editing and advising web-based “just in time” medical information resource

September, 1990 – July, 1994:

Partnership Family Practice, Vero Beach, FL

July, 1980 – August, 1990:

National Health Service Corps, 1980-1982, followed by six more years solo rural family practice and two years two-person partnership. Seven years obstetrics including c-sections. Newburg, West Virginia

June, 1974 – September, 1974:

Pediatric Group Services (MCP, Philadelphia, PA). An investigation of the patterns of utilization of health services by the population of children geographically near enough to PGS to be potential enrollees.

October, 1972 – June, 1973: Health Program Analyst for Group Health Planning, Inc.,

Philadelphia, PA. Analyzing computerized Health Information System data for Model Cities neighborhood clinics, and planning for non-federal HMO activity.

#### **Publications:**

Guest Editor, “Team Based Care” theme issue, Florida Family Physician, Vol 65, No 1, Spring 2016

AMDA Ad Hoc Work Group, "Collaborative and Supervisory Relationships Between Attending Physicians and Advanced Practice Nurses in Long-Term Care Facilities", J Am Med Dir Assoc 2011; 12:12-18

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Saver, D. F., R. Lowe, and T. Fisher, "EHR Now! Summary Report", Florida Family Physician, Summer 2009, 16:10-16, 2009

Saver, D. F., "HPV", Florida Family Physician, Winter 2006, 55(3): 12-13, 2006

Multiple article reviews at FirstConsult.com (formerly PDxMD.com), 2000 - 2009

Saver, D. F., "Cuts hurt patients, doctors", editorial in Vero Beach Press Journal, April 4, 1999

Saver, D. F., "It is Politics, But Not As Usual," Florida Family Physician, 46(2):15-16, 1996.

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Saver, D. F., "Proxy Consent for a Medical Gamble," Hastings Center Report, June 1980, p. 22.

Saver, D. F., "Medical Care Costs Still Rising," Family Practice News, 10:21, 1980.

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Saver, D. F., "Morphogenetic Effects of Antimitotic Agents on the Development of the 24-cell *Lymnaea* egg. I. Effects of Deuterium Oxide." Acta Embryologiae Experimentalis, Issue #3, 281-295, 1974.