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RATCLIFF ACHIEVES BOARD CERTIFICATION

Washington, MO, October 16, 2009.....Keith M. Ratcliff, MD, FAAFP, has successfully completed the recertification examination of the American Board of Family Medicine. Board certification confers a standard of excellence in knowledge and practice to physicians who not only certify via the examination process, but who also work diligently on the maintenance of these skills during the seven-year cycle between examinations.

To achieve recertification by the ABFM, a family physician must verify the completion of 300 hours of acceptable continuing medical education over the past six years; possess a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States; and successfully complete a one-day written examination of cognitive knowledge and problem solving abilities. The examination covers the disciplines of the specialty: adult medicine; care of newborns and children; women's gynecological care; community medicine; the care of the older patient; human behavior and mental health; and care of the surgical patient.

Dr. Ratcliff is President Elect of the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians and is one of the founding partners of Patients First Health Care. He sees patients at the Patients First Family Medicine offices in Washington and Marthasville.