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### **Lakeville Doctor a Finalist for Minnesota Family Physician of the Year Award**

The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) has announced that **Thomas Niebeling, M.D.**, a family physician who practices at Quello Clinic, Lakeville (A division of Allina Hospitals and Clinics) is one of three finalists for the 2011 Family Physician of the Year Award.

Family physicians were nominated for the award by patients and colleagues. The MAFP Board of Directors will select a winner after reviewing each finalist's qualifications and reading nomination letters received on their behalf. The 2011 Family Physician of the Year will be announced at the MAFP All-Member Celebration on April 14, 2011. The other finalists are **Dr. Anthony Lussenhop, Alexandria, MN, and Dr. Bryan Petersen, Glencoe, MN.**

The Family Physician of the Year Award honors a family physician for compassionate, comprehensive and caring medical services, involvement in community affairs and serving as a role model to his or her community, health care professionals, family practice residents and medical students.

The MAFP is a professional association of approximately 3,000 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students organized to assist family physicians in providing quality medical care in Minnesota. The MAFP is the largest medical specialty organization in Minnesota and is a state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the largest medical specialty organization in the United States.