

# The 75th Annual Meeting of the Montana Academy of Family Physicians

June 18-19, 2026  
Chico Hot Springs, Pray, Montana

## PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE

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All presentations will be held in the Convention Center

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### THURSDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
7:20 a.m. **Conference Welcome**  
7:30 a.m. The Modern Era of Heart Failure Medication Management  
**Mason Bowman, PharmD, BCACP, CPP**  
8:30 a.m. Mauled: A Surgeon's Role in Bear Attacks  
**James Verlanic, M.D.**  
9:30 a.m. **Break**  
10:00 a.m. Hot Girls Have IBS  
**Mary Middaugh, FNP**  
11:00 a.m. From Resistance to Response: Evolving Strategies in MDD Management  
**Christina Cusin, M.D.**  
**Noon Business Luncheon Meeting**  
(All registrants are invited to attend)  
1:00 p.m. Rethinking Cultural Perceptions of the Body and Health Through Art  
**Siobhan M. Conaty, PhD, FCPP**  
4:30 p.m. Practical Strategies to Navigate Obesity Management in Primary Care  
**Joy Mockbee, MD, MPH**  
2:30 p.m. Kratom Explained: Clinical Pearls for the Front Line Physician  
**Austin Barnhardt, M.D.**  
3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**  
6:00 p.m. **MAFP Barbecue**  
**Officer Installation & Montana Family Physician of the Year Presentation**

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  
7:20 a.m. **Conference Welcome**  
7:30 a.m. Help Her Stay in the Game: Primary Care Interventions for Young Female Athletes  
**Robyn Liu M.D.**  
8:30 a.m. Opioid Response Network: Collaborating, Advancing, Responding, Education  
**Amy Solomon, M.D.**  
9:30 a.m. **Break**  
10:00 a.m. Around the Globe: Update on Eyecare  
**Russell Swan, M.D.**  
11:00 a.m. Syncope – A Practical Approach  
**Luis Alvarez, M.D.**  
**Noon Lunch**  
1:00 p.m. Tapped out? Tap In to Overcome  
**Janice Gomersall, M.D.**  
**Jan Scher, LCPC**  
2:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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OUR NATIONAL SPEAKER IS ROBYN LIU, M.D.  
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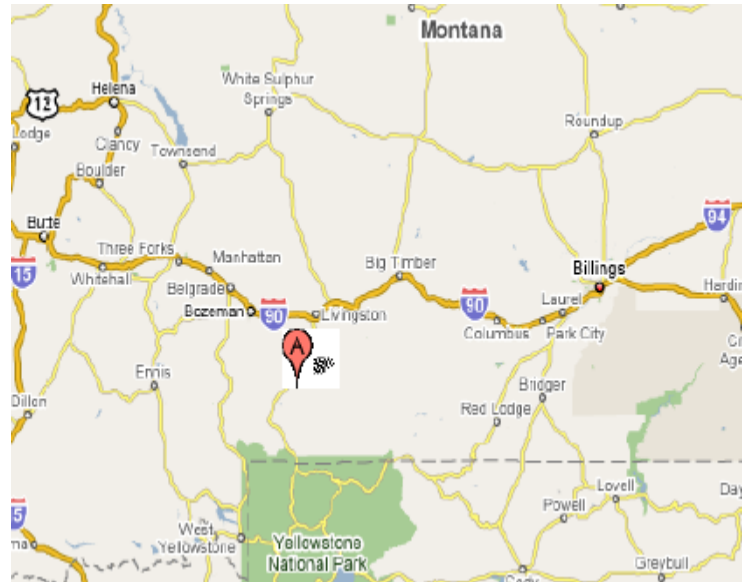


**The hot springs at Chico flow into two open-air mineral Hot Springs pools. While temperatures of the pools fluctuate slightly due to natural elements and occurrences, the large pool averages 96 degrees Fahrenheit and the small pool averages 103 degrees Fahrenheit.**

**Chico Hot Springs Resort and Day Spa is the perfect location for your Montana getaway. The historic resort is located in the heart of Paradise Valley, just north of Yellowstone National Park - and nestled in the foothills of the breathtaking Absaroka Mountain Range.**



**Chico offers an extraordinary variety of accommodations, exceptional dining, outdoor adventures, live entertainment, ultimate relaxation**



**Chico Hot Springs offers a diverse selection of lodging, from quaint and cozy guest rooms in their turn of the century Main Lodge to their luxurious North 40 Cabins, with a wide variety of modern accommodations in between**

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**TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS,  
 PLEASE CALL  
 CHICO HOT SPRINGS AT:  
 (406) 333-4933 IN MONTANA**

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS  
 PRIOR TO MAY 17**

**Your registration fee includes  
 admission to the barbecue on  
 Thursday evening. Please  
 indicate how many will be  
 attending:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adults**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **Children**

**ACCREDITATION**

Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians. Determination of credit is pending.



**Any Questions? Contact the Montana Academy of Family Physicians at (406) 431-9384**

**Cut on the Dotted Line Online Registration Available at <http://www.montanaafp.org>**

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_____ MAFP Member	\$435	\$460
_____ Non-MAFP Physician	\$485	\$510
_____ PA/NP (circle one)	\$435	\$460
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_____ Out of State Resident/Student	\$200	\$225
_____ Attend one day only	\$210	\$210

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