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Stephen J. Spann, M.D., a family physician educator and researcher, holds the Richard M. Kleberg, Sr. Chair in Family and Community Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Spann has dedicated his career to improving health and primary health care by training future family physicians, contributing to the scientific knowledge base of primary care, and striving to role-model the practice efficient and excellent, evidence-based family medicine.

Dr. Spann has been active in the development of the specialty of Family Medicine both in the United States and abroad. He has served as a member of the Commission on Public Health and Scientific Affairs, the Task Force on Clinical Policies, and as member and chair the Commission on Clinical Policies and Research and the Task Force to Enhance Family Practice Research, of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). He served as a member of Task Force 1, and chaired Task Force 6 of the Future of Family Medicine Project, focusing on the development of the New Model of Family Medicine practice, and the development of financial models to predict its success. He has recently served as the lead consultant to the AAFP planning process to develop TransforMED, a national practice resource center to support the implementation of the New Model in practices. He has served as a consultant to medical schools, residency programs, ministries of health, and health care delivery systems in many countries, focusing on primary care training and practice. His current research interests focus on practice redesign and the transformation of primary medical care practice.

Dr. Spann is currently Professor and Chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, a position he has held since 1997. He was previously Professor and Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas (1990-1997), a member of the faculty of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine (1982-1990), and a member of the clinical teaching faculty of the Department of Family Medicine, Wake Forest Bowman Gray School of Medicine (1979-1982). Prior to entering fulltime academic medicine, Dr. Spann was in private family practice in rural Arkansas and North Carolina.

A graduate of Baylor University and Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Spann completed his residency training in Family Medicine at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina in 1979. He received the M.B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2004.