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Waukesha CMS Board Meetings are open to all members.

Board Meetings occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month (NO meetings are held in June, July or December).

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President's Message

Nameeta Dookeran, MD



Dear Colleagues,

Spring is in the air!

With the WMS Annual Meeting and House of Delegates April meeting just around the corner, your WCMS delegation, has been striving to make sure your voice is heard.

We sent out a survey seeking interested WCMS members' thoughts on resolutions. Then last week the WCMS delegation, of which I am part, represented you at our seven-county District (D-1) meeting to discuss our joint stance on these resolutions going before the WMS House of Delegates. There are some interesting resolutions being brought forth that have already fostered good dialogue and healthy debate.

Please join us at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, if you can, for the [WMS Annual Meeting](#) on April 14th to network and be a part of the policy-making process. There will also be a CME-earning opportunity for a portion of the day.

And remember to sign up for the WCMS [Spring CME program](#) on April 10th with reception and dinner in Waukesha. The topic of ***Staying Connected to Our Healing Spirit through Increasing Wellness and Decreasing Burnout*** clearly has direct relevance for current and future generations of practicing physicians. I will be at the event and look forward to a lively discussion. I also look forward to having the opportunity to chat with many of you individually in the reception time before or in the milling-around time after.

With a few months remaining in my WCMS Presidency, I encourage and welcome your suggestions. Rest assured, these will help inform our priorities and programming for the upcoming year under the new leadership Dr. Jon Brodie, incoming President. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Warm regards,

-Nameeta

April 10 CME & Dinner Program Register Now

Join Waukesha CMS for our Spring Education & Dinner Program on ***Staying Connected to our Healing Spirit through Increasing Wellness and Decreasing Burnout.***

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Marriott Milwaukee West, Waukesha, WI

Presenters H. Steven Moffic, MD and Randall Levin, MD, FACEP will share their thoughts on burnout as a systemic problem that afflicts clinicians who feel themselves trapped in systems that do not seem to honor--and may actively impeded--their professional ethical responsibility to care for patients.

This program is offered complimentary to all WCMS members. Non-members and guests may register for a \$50 fee.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER.](#)

IPFCF Board Approves Fund Fee Decrease

The Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund (Fund) Board this week approved a 10 percent decrease in Fund fees for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This is the sixth decrease approved by the Fund Board in as many years.

Wisconsin's excellent medical liability environment is good for your organization's business: money not spent to obtain coverage and settle claims can be allocated to improve quality and the overall patient experience.

Your Wisconsin Medical Society (Society) continues to work vigilantly to preserve Wisconsin's relatively stable medical liability environment, most recently by filing amicus briefs at both the appellate and Supreme Court level in Mayo v. the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund--a case that has challenged the constitutionality of the state's cap on noneconomic damages in medical liability cases. We are also maintaining our active involvement in the primary insurance market, working with our exclusive partner, ProAssurance. Additionally, the WMS Holdings Risk Purchasing Group and Captive are designed to help health systems decrease liability costs and improve quality and efficiency.

The Society was influential in obtaining this rate reduction through its participation on the Fund Board. This is a great example of how the Society's advocacy efforts--which the profits generated by Wisconsin Medical Society Insurance & Financial Services help support--benefit the medical community in Wisconsin.

Governor Walker Proclaims April 23-29 National Addiction Treatment Week in WI

Governor Scott Walker signs proclamation declaring April 23-29, 2018 "Addiction Treatment Awareness Week" throughout the State of Wisconsin.

National Addiction Treatment Week, an initiative by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), raises awareness that addiction is a disease, evidence-based treatments are available, and recovery is possible.

Nearly 20.5 million Americans suffer from a substance use disorder (SUD), yet only 1 in 10 people with SUD receive treatment.[1] An estimated 1.8 million Americans have opioid use disorder (OUD) related to prescription opioids [2]; 626,000 have heroin-related OUD [3] with an estimated cost of over \$504 billion [4]. Every year in the State of Wisconsin, an average of at least 1,706 people die from an alcohol-related issue. In 2016, an estimated 1,074 people died from a drug overdose in Wisconsin [5], according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Generating awareness that addiction is a disease and more clinicians need to be trained in addiction medicine is critical to saving patients' lives." said Matthew Felgus, MD, FASAM, President, Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine. "We are thrilled that Governor Walker has taken this important step to help increase awareness in Wisconsin."

National Addiction Treatment Week promotes that addiction is a disease, recovery is possible, and more clinicians need to enter the field of addiction medicine.

[Learn more](#) on how to get involved and spread the word about the need for a larger addiction medicine workforce.

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