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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).

Visit the WCMS website for details.

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Don't Delay! Register for the Sept. 7th Town Hall Mtg w/ Legislators

Waukesha County Medical Society presents its Annual Town Hall Meeting & Dinner with Local Legislators, complimentary to all WCMS members!

Wednesday, September 7, 2016
6:00 pm - Reception (cash bar)
6:45 pm - Dinner & Program

The Delafield Hotel
415 Genesee Street
Delafield, WI 53018

Don't miss this unique event with your state legislators and enjoy dinner at The Delafield Hotel. This annual event is a great opportunity to hear updates on issues affecting physicians, patients, and the practice of medicine.

Register online and select your dinner entree TODAY, or call the WCMS office at 920-560-5641.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

International Overdose Awareness Day is August 31st

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) is a global event held on August 31st each year and aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma of a drug-related death. It also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose.

Overdose Day spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable. Wear Silver to show your support. [Learn more.](#)

MEB Approves Opioid Prescribing Guidelines

The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (MEB) approved best practice guidelines for opioid prescribing at its monthly meeting in Madison in July. This action is a result of Wisconsin State Assembly Rep. John Nygren's HOPE legislative package; 2015 Act 269 granted the MEB authority to post the guidelines, which are inspired by those already in place from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state's Worker's Compensation program.

While the guidelines are not mandatory practice parameters, they are expected to assist physicians with making more informed decisions about their prescribing practices.

The MEB also moved closer to finalizing new continuing medical education (CME) rules that will eventually require physicians to include coursework on the new guidelines as part of their 30 hours per biennium requirement. The likely outcome of this CME-related rule will be:

- All physicians who have a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number will be required to take two credits of CME in prescribing-related areas as part of their biennial 30-credit total.
- This requirement will take effect for the next two complete CME reporting cycles (essentially for 2017-2019 and then again for 2019-2021).
- The first time a physician satisfies that two-credit requirement, the CME will need to include information on the new opioid prescribing guidelines. (It is likely the Wisconsin Medical Society's opioid prescribing webinar series, which is now available on-demand, will be grandfathered in as satisfying the guidelines-related subject matter requirement.)
- The second time the physician satisfies the two-credit requirement, it can be in the arena of "responsible controlled substances prescribing."
- This requirement COULD end after two CME cycles-it will depend on the status of the opioid crisis and whether or not the MEB continues the requirement for future cycles.

The MEB is expected to finalize these requirements at its meeting later this month.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 31, 2016 - Zika Webinar

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services will be holding a webinar from 12:00 to 1:00 pm on August 31, 2016, providing important information about Zika to primary health care providers, obstetricians/gynecologists and other health care professionals with interest in this outbreak.

Webinar Link: <https://connect.wisconsin.gov/zika/>

Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 am

PDMP Listening Session

ProHealth Care Cancer Center, Waukesha; [RSVP here](#).

Monday, September 19, 2016

Medical Society of Milwaukee County presents:

An Evening with Patrick J. Kennedy: A Personal Story of Addiction and Recovery

Italian Conference Center, Milwaukee, WI

[Learn more and Register](#)

September 29-30, 2016

Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine Conference

Pyle Center, Madison, WI

Learn the practical aspects of managing opioid dependence and mental health comorbidities. Workshops will include opioid

therapy management (scope of pain), and buprenorphine certification training. Seats are limited. [Register online](#)

September 30-October 1, 2016
Wisconsin Psychiatric Association Conference on Violence
InterContinental, Milwaukee
[Learn more and Register](#)



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