

# WAUKESHA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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## Board of Directors Meetings

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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## President's Message

*Laurie Gesell, MD*



Dear Colleagues,

I'd like to thank all members and guests who attended the annual WCMS Town Hall meeting with legislators earlier this month. This event is one of the more unique activities of our society, and it was great to see more than 50 members weather a heavy rainstorm to gather at the Delafield Hotel.

At the event, we heard first-hand about legislative issues being addressed by legislators, and had an opportunity to share our concerns regarding issues affecting us as physicians and our patients. This type of advocacy and opportunity to make our voices heard and affect change is a key to what our society, and the Wisconsin Medical Society, strive to accomplish.

During the event, Chris Kraemer, a Waukesha-based SawStop® representative, presented our society with a certificate of appreciation for the work done in the community through the WCMS Safe Saw initiative. The primary goal of this program was to encourage local high schools to recognize safety in technology. Today, all schools in Waukesha County that have industrial arts programs have at least one SawStop® safe table saw, thanks in part to the grants provided over the past two years.



I invite you to get involved with our society. Let us know what's important to you so we can coordinate activities and information-sharing accordingly. As always, I invite you to contact me through the [WCMS office](#). In the meantime, please plan to attend our annual Holiday Party on December 7 at Westmoor Country Club. [Registration is open!](#) I look forward to seeing you there!

-Laurie

## MCW Students Seek Physician Participation Sept. 28 Roundtable Discussion

Local physicians are invited to participate in a Physician Roundtable discussion with medical students at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The MCW Section of the AMA-Medical Student Section will be hosting this annual Physician Roundtable Dinner as an



opportunity for medical students to learn more about organized medicine, and also to ask questions and learn from community physicians information they may not otherwise learn in school.

**Wednesday September 28, 2016**

**5:30-7:00 pm**

Medical College of Wisconsin

Discovery Classroom on the 3rd floor of the Medical Education Building (main building)

Please RSVP if you can participate by emailing Kieran McAvoy at: [kmcavoy@mcw.edu](mailto:kmcavoy@mcw.edu).

## Vukmir Eyeing "True" Scope of Practice Reform

*Sept. 12, Wisconsin Health News*

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services Chair Leah Vukmir, R-Brookfield, and her staff are working on "true" scope of practice reform, the lawmaker said last week.

"Too often, decisions about licensure and certification for various professions fall into the purview of decision-making of legislators who don't know everything or a lot about healthcare," Vukmir told members of the Waukesha County Medical Society at a town hall in Delafield last week.

While some lawmakers have background in healthcare training and will push back against bills that they feel go too far, Vukmir noted that proposals pushed by lobbyists can often get into law.

"There are many situations like that, not based on what's in the best interest of patients but who has the loudest voice in the Capitol," she said. "And I don't think that's right."

Vukmir's looking at legislation she said will bring together professionals who work in various healthcare fields and decide on the best direction for their practice.

## Call for Grant Applications

Non-profit organizations serving Waukesha County residents are eligible and encouraged to apply for grant funds to support programs or projects that contribute to the overall health and welfare of the people of Waukesha County.

Funding consideration will be given for all initiatives that:

- Serve patients or physicians within Waukesha County;
- Improve the health of patients or provide patient or public education;
- Involve physicians, residents, and/or medical or graduate students in some capacity;
- Yield substantial benefits to the community for the resources invested;
- Promote cooperation among organizations or agencies.

[Learn more](#) and apply for grant funds today!

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, September 29, 2016, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm WIAAP Open Forum - Healthy Food for All Families: The Role of Primary Care in Food Security

*Aurora Medical Center, Summit*

At the Healthy Food for All Families: The Role of Primary Care in Food Security, we will explore issues and initiatives aimed at ensuring that Wisconsin's children and families have access to enough healthy, safe food. Primary care providers play a critical role in screening for food insecurity, but need to direct families to assistance, not just identify the problem. Leading an active, healthy life can be difficult depending on a family's social determinants of health. [Learn more and register.](#)

### Thurs. & Fri., September 29-30, 2016

#### WISAM Annual Conference: Curtailing the Impact of Opioid and Other Addictive Disorders in Wisconsin - Interdisciplinary Collaboration

*The Pyle Center in Madison*

What are we doing to address the opioid misuse epidemic? How can we effectively work together for the prevention and treatment of addictive disorders and overdose deaths in Wisconsin? What are the legislative updates that impact the treatment of addictive disorders in our state? [Learn more and register.](#)

### Thurs. & Fri. September 30 - October 1, 2016

#### WPA Fall Conference, "Violence: Clinical Management, Policy & Public Concerns"

*InterContinental, Milwaukee*

While violence is not a new phenomenon, it is an increasing problem in today's society and the focus of the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association's fall conference Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in Milwaukee. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, the majority of people with mental illness are not violent, and only 3 percent to 5 percent of violent acts can be attributed to individuals living with a serious mental illness. In fact, people with severe mental illnesses are over 10 times more likely to be victims of violent crime than the general population. [Learn more and register.](#)

### Tuesday, October 4, 2016

#### WHN Panel on Healthcare Consumerism

*Milwaukee Athletic Club, Milwaukee*

As patients take on an increasing share of their healthcare costs, they are becoming more engaged consumers. The shift is likely to transform how healthcare is delivered and how providers and payers communicate with their members. But is healthcare something that can really be shopped for like other industries? What factors are patients most interested in when making decisions? How are payers and providers responding? What will it mean for healthcare costs? [Learn more and register.](#)

### Wednesday, December 7, 2016

#### WCMS Annual Holiday Party

*Westmoor Country Club, Brookfield*

Join colleagues and friends alike and kick off the holiday season at the Waukesha County Medical Society's Annual Holiday Party! There is no cost for WCMS members to attend. [Register online.](#)



Try it FREE today.

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