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President's Message, Dec. 2017

*Bobby Redwood, MD, MPH, FACEP
WACEP President*

A Roller Coaster of a Year for Wisconsin Emergency Medicine: December is a natural time for reflection and there is certainly plenty to contemplate in the Wisconsin Emergency Medicine landscape of 2017. Let's take a moment to revisit the major events of 2017 that affected our specialty at the state and national level and also look towards the future at what 2018 holds in store for WACEP and Wisconsin Emergency Medicine. Fair warning, this newsletter is a little longer than our usual format—its worth it though—2017 has been a wild ride.

A Political Neophyte in the White House and an Assault on Health Care Access: As I write this, Donald Trump's national approval rating sits at 32%*, the lowest fourth-quarter approval rating of any president since polling began. The president blew his trust with many of us early by lying about historic attendance at his inauguration and stacking his cabinet with less than credible individuals (Flynn, Bannon, Scaramucci, etc, etc) and then went on to shock and isolate large numbers of emergency physicians with his self-proclaimed Muslim travel ban** and apparent inability to condemn white supremacy after a violent KKK rally in Charlottesville. ACEP responded to the intolerance by redoubling its commitment to diversity in our specialty and initiating the viral twitter hashtag #ilooklikeanerd. [Read more.](#)

Sign-up Now for Doctor Day 2018

Doctor Day 2018 is fast approaching and it's important that physicians like YOU participate in our annual advocacy event in Madison on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

It's a full day of speakers, issue briefings and a visit to the Capitol to advocate on behalf of your profession. The day will conclude with a reception at DLUX. The tentative schedule and online registration can be found at widoctorday.org. The event is free to all physicians and

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Each year, Doctor Day attendees hear from some of the leading voices in Wisconsin politics and health care policy. [Read more.](#)

WI Emergency Medicine on TV!

WACEP President Featured on Wisconsin's 57 Television

As the 2017/2018 Flu Season Ramps Up, Wisconsin Emergency Providers Take Charge on Vaccine and Antibiotic Education. Wisconsin ACEP President Bobby Redwood, MD, MPH, FACEP and Brian Kayon, PA-C will be featured on [Wisconsin Doctors](#), episode #183, to promote the flu shot and clarify basic antibiotic stewardship principles. You are encouraged to watch this 30-minute program and to spread the word to others to become informed. [Find show times and listings.](#)

WACEP 2018 Spring Symposium – Registration is Open

Through a new partnership with MCW and UW, WACEP's Spring Symposium will now include a track for Wisconsin's annual emergency medicine research forum. Other conference highlights include: an in-depth look at the Orlando Pulse nightclub mass shooting from Orlando Health's Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director; a hands-on three-part Sim Workshop; and an LLSA 2017 Article Study Group. We hope to see you in Madison March 14-18, 2018! See the full schedule and [register online.](#)

WACEP Listening Tour Update

Watch for details about Listening Tour stops across the state in 2018! WACEP's Listening Tour will take on a new format to allow for more participation, and will involve casual get-togethers in the emergency department breakrooms or as part of already scheduled meetings. Stay tuned for details and plan to join us to learn more about what WACEP is doing for our members and more importantly, for an opportunity to share in some conversation.