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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Advocacy is the Cure for the Political Frustrations of 2016
By Bobby Redwood, MD, WACEP President

You don't need me to tell you; 2016 was kind of a rough year. We lost Bowie, Prince, and Princess Leia. Zika cast its shadow over our vacations, while authoritarian regimes thrived, the E.U. frayed, and democracy stumbled. The political tension in America and in Wisconsin reached a fever pitch throughout one of history's most negative presidential campaigns ever and then, on November 9th, republican and democratic physicians alike were left exhausted and confused, wondering what will happen to our patients and our profession under the Trump administration.

Well, we at WACEP implore you: don't despair! Here are some of the (solvable) challenges that we, as emergency physicians, can expect in the upcoming year. [Read more.](#)

WACEP Listening Tour Plans Stop in Merrill

Join Wisconsin ACEP leaders for dinner & discussion at the upcoming Listening Tour stop in Merrill. Your WACEP leadership is committed to representing the interests and needs of emergency physicians throughout Wisconsin. Meet us and let us know what's important to you, your patients and the specialty. These meetings are complimentary, but we request that you register.

Monday, March 20, 2017; 7:00 pm
Sawmill Brewing Co, 1110 E. 10th St, Merrill, WI
[Register here](#)

Stay tuned for notices of future stops on the tour and plan to join us!

Register for Doctor Day 2017-March 29 in Madison

WACEP is a proud sponsor of Doctor Day. Plan to join us

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at the Capitol in Madison on March 29th. This annual advocacy event is timed well for physicians to be able to meet with their legislators and/or staff members, and to have input on the budget and other important health care issues. Participants will hear from Medicaid Director Michael Heifetz of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and others, then will take part in an issue briefing before heading to the Capitol. Lunch will be provided, and the day will conclude with a reception in downtown Madison. **Participation is complimentary but registration is required.** Visit the [Doctor Day website](#) register.

WACEP Spring Symposium Approved for MEB-Required Opioid Prescribing Education

The Wisconsin ACEP Spring Symposium will take place on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison. The course offers 7.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™ AND has been approved by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board as meeting the required two-hour continuing education course on responsible opioid prescribing per Med 13.03(3) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. Conference highlights:

- Pre-conference Emergency Ultrasound Workshop (space is limited; CME accredited separately)
- LLSA Article Study Group (CME credit offered)
- Keynote presentation on Gun Violence by Stephen Hargarten, MD
- An Emergency Medicine Look at the Opioid Epidemic in Wisconsin
- Participation by ACEP President, Becky Parker, MD
- And much more!

See conference details and [register online](#).

ePDMP Now Live; Registration Required

The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) launched the new Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (ePDMP) on January 17, replacing the former program.

[2015 Act 266](#) requires physicians and other prescribers to review patient information from the ePDMP before issuing a prescription for any controlled substance beginning April 1, 2017. [Read more](#).

Other Latest News

- Legislature Appoints Health Committee Members ([link](#))
- Walker Calls for Special Session to Consider Opioid Bills ([link](#))

- Report: Number of Wisconsin Residents in Rural Residencies up 10 Percent ([link](#))
 - More news ([link](#))
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Upcoming Events

- March 12-15: ACEP Leadership & Advocacy Conference ([Learn more/Register](#))
 - March 20: Wisconsin ACEP Listening Tour Stops in Merrill ([Learn more/Register](#))
 - March 28: WACEP Spring Symposium ([Learn more/Register](#))
 - March 29: Doctor Day 2017 ([Learn more/Register](#))
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