



Wisconsin Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Members of Wisconsin ACEP,

As we begin to implement Wisconsin ACEP's exciting agenda for 2016-2017, it's important to reflect on the many accomplishments that our membership and board has achieved since I assumed the role of Wisconsin ACEP president in March of this year:

- We welcomed Badger Bay as our new association services management company. With this change we are working to better serve our membership with innovations in communication, member services, and a new web design for the website.
- We held an election for and approved the terms of two new board members: Dr. Robert Beyer of Delafield and Dr. Julianna Doniere of Milwaukee.
- We increased the presence of emergency medicine in the larger house of Wisconsin medicine by sending four emergency physician delegates to the Wisconsin Medical Society annual meeting—our highest representation ever as a specialty.
- Wisconsin ACEP board member Michael Replinger, M.D. put forth a resolution to safeguard access to Wisconsin's emergency departments through adequate reimbursement for the care of Medicaid patients. This resolution passed with strong support.
- Multiple Wisconsin ACEP members attended the annual leadership and advocacy conference in Washington D.C., bringing back great ideas for chapter initiatives at the state level as well as a review of national ACEP priorities. Attendees included our two resident advocacy scholarship recipients Dr. Kristen Roth (UW) and Dr. Scott Kunkel (MCW).
- We began a new era of membership outreach via our "listening tour" initiative—an effort to travel to every corner of Wisconsin to hear about pertinent emergency medicine issues at the state and regional level. Our treasurer Lisa Maurer kicked off the initiative with a productive visit to the Appleton area; Eau Claire is our next stop!
- We surveyed state leaders in emergency medicine and chose improving emergency department Medicaid reimbursement, exploration of a Wisconsin specific emergency medicine annual meeting, and support of Wisconsin psychiatric services as 2016 Wisconsin ACEP priorities.

There is much more work to do as Wisconsin ACEP strives to serve our profession, our physicians, and our patients. Let's continue to unify our specialty and build influence in the greater house of medicine. Let's continue to speak out for emergency physicians so that our patients, state and local leaders understand the importance of our work. Let's invest in the education and well-being of our current workforce and continue to move Wisconsin emergency medicine forward.

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WACEP LISTENING TOUR UPDATE

Join us for Dinner on Tuesday, August 30 in Eau Claire

The Wisconsin Chapter, ACEP's leadership is committed to representing the interests and needs of emergency physicians throughout Wisconsin. To facilitate this goal, we have rolled

out a Listening Tour, involving a series of listening sessions will allow us to connect personally with Chapter members.

The first listening sessions took place in June in Appleton, and while participation was limited, it provided a great opportunity to discuss what is important, including Medicaid reimbursement, substance abuse treatment options, public education on use of EMS services, and much more.

The next listening session is scheduled to take place over dinner on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 in Eau Claire. There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested for us to get a headcount. [Learn more and register.](#)

Stay tuned to learn of additional sessions that will soon be scheduled in other parts of the state, and plan to join us! Your participation on the Listening Tour will help prioritize Chapter activities and efforts.

OPIOID PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES FOR ER DOCS

Member Input Requested!

Last week, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board approved new opioid prescribing guidelines that aim to help providers make informed decisions on acute and chronic pain that lasts longer than three months. The guidelines stress identifying the cause of pain, treating without painkillers, prescribing opioids in low dosages and monitoring patients.

The Wisconsin Chapter, ACEP leadership has been working with Dr. Westlake and others to develop guidelines specific to emergency physicians. As we finalize and prepare to adopt guidelines specific to Emergency Departments, we are seeking member input.

Please review the [draft guidelines](#), and submit your comments to the [WACEP office](#) by August 10.

WACEP MEET-UP IN VEGAS - OCTOBER 17!

Planning to attend ACEP's 2016 Scientific Assembly in Las Vegas? WACEP is coordinating a Wisconsin meet-up the evening of Monday, October 17th. Save-the-date and plan to connect for our mix-n-mingle with Wisconsin colleagues. Stay tuned for details!

LAST CHANCE TO COMPLETE MEMBER SURVEY

Your feedback is important to us! If you haven't yet completed our 2016 WACEP membership survey, please do so now and offer your feedback that will help us evaluate and enhance membership value. The survey will take just a few minutes of your time.

[BEGIN SURVEY](#)

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Lisa Maurer, MD, WACEP Secretary/Treasurer, has been appointed to serve on the ACEP Reimbursement Committee, as well as the national State Legislative - Regulatory Committee. WACEP Board Member Howie Croft, MD has also been appointed to serve on the State Legislative - Regulatory Committee.

Have news to share? Members are encouraged to [notify WACEP](#) of new appointments, awards, promotions, or other news to include it in future e-news.

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