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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Parallel Parking and Ayepiglottic Folds
by Bobby Redwood, MD, MPH

I am really good at parallel parking; I pride myself on it. I went to medical school in Chicago and used to wedge my Volkswagen Jetta into parking spaces with less than a three inch gap on either bumper (we won't talk about the "love taps"). I recently bought a new car and, for the first time ever, I am now parallel parking with the assistance of a back-up camera. The precision is amazing. If needed, I can shrink that three inch gap down to one or two with no bumper to bumper contact whatsoever. The speed with which I parallel park has increased as well. A one-minute maneuver can reliably be done in 45 seconds with the assistance of the handy back-up camera. Still, some things seem a bit off. [Read more.](#) (*Editor's note: Please read the full article and respond to Dr. Redwood's 3-question survey*).

OPIOID PRESCRIBING WEBINAR NOW ONLINE

Do you need your mandatory education on responsible opioid prescribing? WACEP is now offering an on-demand webinar. The session was recorded during the 2017 Spring Symposium, and physicians may register through the WACEP website to receive a link for viewing. Participation in the webinar has been approved to meet the requirement for two hours of continuing education as mandated by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board per Med 13.03(3) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. [Register here.](#)

MOVING WOMEN IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE FORWARD

Mary Westergaard, MD, Program Director of the University of Wisconsin Emergency Medicine Residency Program, recently co-authored an article on best practices in obtaining equality for women practicing in emergency medicine. The article, "The Development of Best Practice Recommendations to

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Support the Hiring, Recruitment, and Advancement of Women Physicians in Emergency Medicine," appeared in the November 2016 issue of *Academic Emergency Medicine*.

Background

Women in medicine continue to experience disparities in earnings, promotion, and leadership roles. There are few guidelines in place defining organization-level factors that promote a supportive workplace environment beneficial to women in emergency medicine (EM). We assembled a working group with the goal of developing specific and feasible recommendations to support women's professional development in both community and academic EM settings.

Methods

We formed a working group from the leadership of two EM women's organizations, the Academy of Women in Academic Emergency Medicine (AWAEM) and the American Association of Women Emergency Physicians (AAWEP). Through a literature search and discussion, working group members identified four domains where organizational policies and practices supportive of women were needed. [Read full article here.](#)

HELP WACEP ADVANCE THE EM PROFESSION **Please make a PAC donation today!**

Through the Wisconsin Emergency Medicine Political Action Committee, voluntary contributions are collected and distributed—at the direction of the PAC Board and with the advice of our consultants—to candidates for state office who share our policy goals and vision for the future of emergency medicine, and to organizations that support those campaigns.

Political contributions are an important part of legislative advocacy in that they help elect candidates who support WACEP's legislative priorities.

WACEP has made some big strides in recent years by opening doors in Madison. Key legislators are more aware than ever about WACEP's concerns regarding our patients' access to psychiatric care, our ideas on how to be part of the solution to the opioid epidemic, and our insights into the financing of Medicaid in this time of health care reform.

This year, WACEP hopes to raise \$10,000 for its PAC, and we are roughly 80% of the way to achieving this goal. Can you help us reach 100% of our goal by making a donation?

Please help WACEP continue to make inroads with key decision makers. [Donate online today!](#)

WISCONSIN RECEIVES 7.6 MILLION TO FIGHT OPIOID ADDICTION

April 27, Wisconsin Health News

Wisconsin will receive \$7.6 million from the federal government to combat opioid addiction, the Department of Health and Human Services announced Thursday night.

HHS is providing \$485 million to all 50 states, the District of Columbia and six U.S. territories. The funding, made available under the 21st Century Cures Act, will go toward prevention, treatment and recovery services.

[Read more.](#)

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