

Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine

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President's Message

Hello WISAM Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, whether in travel or clinical work. We do have a specialty that does not take seasonal breaks, even if we ourselves need one once in a while.

Our monthly teleconferences are on hiatus for the summer. But that shouldn't stop anyone from [reaching out](#) with any clinical questions. We at WISAM are always happy to consult.

Reminder that our Annual Conference is September 26-27th at the Pyle Center on the UW-Madison campus. Check out the info at www.WISAM-ASAM.com/WISAM2019 and register. Our theme is *Healing Through Partnerships* and looking forward to seeing you there. This will be my last conference as WISAM President as we'll be passing the torch to the new officers at the conclusion of the conference. It's been a great experience to serve you all as president and I'm truly grateful for the opportunity.

In other news, two additional trainings have been added to the [WISAM 2019 Buprenorphine X-Waiver Training Series](#) for a total of 12 courses that are being offered this year free of charge to eligible prescribers. The new courses will take place October 28 in Madison and November 6 in Milwaukee. The training series is presented in partnership with DHS and made possible through a CDC Public Health Crisis Cooperative Agreement (CoAg) grant. To date, 196 providers have been trained through this program.

And, finally, I'm encouraging all WISAM members to participate in a survey to help identify behavioral health needs in the state. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has identified WISAM as a key stakeholder to participate in a needs assessment of the behavioral health service system. The survey is comprised of approximately 10 topics ranging from service availability, accessibility and gaps for subpopulations. Participation in the survey is both anonymous and estimated to take 30 minutes or less to complete. Learn more and [take the survey here](#).

Happy August!

Matt Felgus, MD FASAM
President

Looking to Become X-Waiver Trained?

New sessions have been added to the complimentary X-Waiver training series offered through a partnership between the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine and DHS. The trainings are designed to increase treatment capacity for opioid use disorder through expanded prescribing of buprenorphine, and are free to any Wisconsin provider who is eligible to prescribe.

Following the four-hour in-person training, participants will be provided instructions for completing the remaining four-hours of education online to qualify for the X-Waiver. CME is available for those who complete the full 8-hour course. Details and registration are [available online](#).

WISAM 2019 Conference: Healing through Partnerships

Join WISAM September 26-27 in Madison for two days of high-impact continuing medical education covering a wide array of topics on prevention, treatment and recovery. Some presentation highlights include:

- Opening address by Ryan Westergaard, MD, PhD, MPH, "How to Survive a Plague: What the US Response to AIDS Can Teach Us About the Opioid Epidemic"
- Discussion led by two U.S. Asst. Attorneys on law enforcement efforts to curb the opioid epidemic and stop overdose deaths
- Local law enforcement efforts to build community partnerships in dealing with addiction
- Workshops on somatic therapies, motivational interviewing, rural perspectives toward treatment and prevention, equine therapy, EMDR therapy, Drug Courts as an alternative to jail, and much more!

Register before August 15 to get at the Early Bird rates! [Click here](#) to view full schedule and to register.

Doctor Day 2020 is January 29: Let Your Voices Be Heard

Doctor Day in Madison includes representation by physicians from all specialties and from all regions of the state. The day-long event is a partnership among physician organizations in Wisconsin, including WISAM, that provides a unique opportunity for physicians from across the state to collaborate and share with policymakers facts and data on timely health care issues.

Since Doctor Day follows the legislative cycle, plans are already underway for Doctor Day 2020, taking place on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Registration is open! Sign up today at www.WIDoctorDay.org.

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