

WAUKESHA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

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President's Message



Last week, a group of Waukesha CMS delegates had the opportunity to attend the annual WMS House of Delegates. Besides discussing, debating, and voting on what became WMS policy, many of our County society members were acknowledged for their hard work:

- John Riesch, MD was recognized for his lifetime of support for medical education and the WMS Foundation;
- Keshni Ramnanan, MD received the Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., MD, Young Physician Leadership Award;
- Jerry Halverson, MD was inaugurated as the President of WMS; and
- Tom Derrig, MD was elected to be the vice chair of the Board of Directors.

I enthusiastically congratulate these WCMS members on their efforts, and I encourage you to do the same.

A key theme for the weekend was physician satisfaction. Through the satirical comments of Zubin Damania, M.D. (AKA "ZDoggMD") at the Foundation dinner on Friday night and throughout the four hours of CME on Saturday, it was clear that doctors are not happy with their practices.

The CME presentations included a summary of the WMS 2014 physician satisfaction survey as well as an overview of the AMA's efforts on this subject, a Human Engineer's perspective, and our own Mike Miller's insights into physician substance abuse. As most of us know from our own personal experiences, the primary drivers of dissatisfaction in our practices are EMRs and a loss of autonomy. The problem is clear, but the solution is not. There were many case reports of how individual doctors were bringing the joy back into their practices, but this is a subject that demands much more attention. That's the reason both WMS and AMA have made it a focus for 2015, and I encourage you to participate in their efforts to move medicine back toward the vocation we all want it to be.

With that, I'll say, "Happy May!" I look forward to seeing you at next-month's Annual Membership Meeting.

Jim

You're Invited

Waukesha County Medical Society Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2015
6:00 pm - Reception (cash bar); 6:40 pm - Dinner
Golden Mast Inn, W349 N5293 Lacy's Lane, Okauchee, WI

Please join colleagues and friends at the WCMS Annual Membership Meeting. Business items will include a vote to update the WCMS bylaws, and the election of the 2015-16 Board of Directors. At the event, Tracy McCall, MD will be installed as the next WCMS president.

Dinner is complimentary for all members of the Waukesha County Medical Society, and the cost for spouses and guests is \$50 per person.

Please register online and select your dinner entree by May 25, or call the WCMS office at 920-560-5641.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Other News

Waukesha CMS Funds Five Scholarship Awards

Waukesha County Medical Society recently awarded scholarship funds to five high school seniors in Waukesha County who plan to pursue a career in medicine or nursing, and who stay in Wisconsin for their college education. Thanks to all WCMS members who donated toward this effort. View recipient list [online](#).

Doctor Day 2016 Scheduled for February 10

Doctor Day 2016 is set for Wednesday February 10 in Madison at the Monona Terrace. Doctor Day provides a unique opportunity for physicians to come together to advocate on behalf of patients and the medical profession.

This year, 250 physicians from across the state converged at the State Capitol in March to meet with legislators and their staffs. Participants represented 20 different physician organizations and partners.

Expanding Naloxone Use Could Reduce Drug Overdose Deaths and Save Lives

April 24, Centers for Disease Control

Allowing more basic emergency medical service (EMS) staff to administer naloxone could reduce drug overdose deaths that involve opioids, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study, "Disparity in Naloxone Administration by Emergency Medical Service Providers and the Burden of Drug Overdose in Rural Communities," published in the American Journal of Public Health.

To reduce opioid overdose deaths, particularly in rural areas, CDC recommends expanding training on the administration of naloxone to all emergency service staff, and helping basic EMS personnel meet the advanced certification requirements.

Read more on these and other news items [online](#).