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Waukesha CMS Board Meetings are open to all members.

Board Meetings occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month (NO meetings are held in June, July or December).

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WCMS President-Elect Named to Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse



Nameeta Dookeran, MD, President-Elect of Waukesha County Medical Society, has been appointed by Governor Scott Walker to a 20-member Task Force on Opioid Abuse that was created under Executive Order #214 in response to Wisconsin's opioid overdose epidemic.

"I appreciate the commitment task force members are making to help Wisconsin end this public health crisis, which is claiming lives and hurting families in our state," Governor Walker said. "Each member of the task force brings a unique perspective and will work together to help Wisconsin solve this serious issue."

Doctor Dookeran is board-certified in addiction medicine, internal medicine and preventive medicine. She works with a multidisciplinary team, providing oversight in the residential care of adults at the Herrington Recovery Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital. She serves on the Opioid Task Force of the Wisconsin Medical Society, and is passionate about eliminating barriers to healthcare for patients with substance use disorders.

In 2014, more Wisconsin residents died from drug overdoses than from motor vehicle crashes, and the number of drug overdose deaths in the state doubled from 2004 to 2014. Prescription opioid pain relievers contributed to 47 percent of the 843 drug overdose deaths in 2014, while heroin contributed to 32 percent.

"While we've made great strides to combat opioid abuse in Wisconsin, this task force is a unified effort to help end opioid abuse and overdoses in our state," Governor Walker said.

The Task Force will hold its first meeting on Friday, October in Green Bay.

PDMP Readiness

State law ([2015 Act 266](#)), passed as part of the legislature's Heroin, Opiate Prevention and Education (HOPE) Agenda, will require physicians and other prescribers to check patient information from the PDMP before issuing a prescription for any controlled substance.

This requirement is expected to take effect April 1, 2017, but there is a complication: the current PDMP interface is undergoing a significant update, and its official roll-out is not expected until January 2017. This means there will be a limited

period for prescribers to register an account and become familiar with the PDMP before the requirement takes effect.

The Wisconsin Medical Society is working closely with PDMP officials and will continue to communicate updates and information to Society members via [Medigram](#) and other publications.

Physician Citizen of the Year *Nominations Now Being Accepted*

The Wisconsin Medical Society is now accepting nominations for its 2017 Physician Citizen of the Year Award.

First established by the Society in 1982, the award recognizes and encourages Wisconsin physicians who volunteer their time and talents through civic and cultural activities-helping to improve the health and well-being of their communities. [Read more.](#)

Opioid Prescribing Education

The Wisconsin Medical Society has added a new performance improvement (PI) activity module to its portfolio of education focused on improving opioid prescribing. Developed by Wisconsin physician faculty who specialize in addiction and pain management, this PI activity is designed to address the challenges faced by physicians and other prescribers and to improve opioid prescribing practices to support quality care for all patients requiring or discontinuing opioid treatment. [Read more.](#)

Payment Reform & MACRA

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued the Final Rule setting policies for new Medicare payment reforms and quality reporting under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA). This new rule will change the way physicians practice medicine.

To help face these changes, the American Medical Association (AMA) has unveiled several online tools to help physicians through pending Medicare payment and delivery changes and to improve their opportunity for success under the new program that will go into effect in 2017.

The new resources include [the AMA Payment Model Evaluator](#), an innovative tool offering initial assessments to physicians so they can determine how their practices will be affected by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). The tool will give physicians and their staff a brief assessment, as well as educational and actionable resources. [Read more.](#)

Register Today - Dec. 7 Holiday Party

Waukesha CMS Annual Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 7, 2016
6:30 - 9:00 pm
Westmoor Country Club, Brookfield

Join us to kick off the holiday season at the Waukesha County Medical Society's Annual Holiday Party!

This year, the event returns to Westmoor Country Club in Brookfield. We hope you'll come out to mix and mingle with friends and colleagues, while enjoying heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Please consider bringing non-perishable food items to benefit the Food Pantry of Waukesha County.

There is no cost for WCMS members to attend; guests are \$50. Please [REGISTER online](#).



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