

**Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine  
MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE  
Thursday, October 25, 2018**



**Moderator:** Matthew Felgus, MD, FASAM, WISAM President

**Attendees:** Bill Gaertner, John Joseph, Elizabeth Lindner, Allison Miller, John Olson

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

**WISAM 2018 Conference:** This year's WISAM conference, held September 27-29 at the Pyle Center in Madison, was our largest conference to date with 138 attendees. Our 2019 conference will be held September 26-27, 2019 at the Pyle Center in Madison.

**Vote:** The ASAM National Election is being held November 1-21. All WISAM members are eligible to vote and encouraged to do so. [VOTE NOW](#).

**Webinars:** Recordings of the 2018 WISAM Webinar Series have been completed and are available online for on-demand viewing and CME credit. [Learn more](#). This complimentary four-part webinar series, funded in part through a Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation grant, provides timely information and updates related to the treatment of substance use disorders. All presenters are local experts who have a clear understanding of Wisconsin's rural issues and barriers to care. Webinars include:

- Suboxone 2.0: Beyond the Basics; Presented by Ritu Bhatnagar, MD
- Interpretation of Urine Drug Screen; Presented by David Galbis-Reig, MD
- Treatment of Stimulant Disorder; Presented by Mark Lim, MD
- Treatment of Alcohol Use and Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnancy; Presented by Jacquelyn Adams, MD

**Clinical Issues:**

- CBD Update: the DEA has cracked down on WI pharmacies prescribing high-THC content CBD oil. It no longer seems widespread to be able to purchase higher THC oils. However, there is a ballot initiative on 'medical marijuana' for the November election that polling suggests has widespread support and is likely to pass.
- Medication First Program. Dr Olson brought up his interest in collaborating on the idea of ED physicians providing a small supply of buprenorphine to patients coming into EDs in need of treatment for Opioid Use Disorder, ideally as a bridge for them to access treatment services. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of such a program. Dr Olson provided a [link to an article](#) on Mass General's Medication First program. If others are interested in learning more or collaborating, this could be discussed at a future teleconference.

**Next Teleconference Meeting:** WISAM will take a break from the teleconference calls during the holiday season. The next call is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7:00-8:00 pm Central Time. [Submit your topic ideas here](#).

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. ENJOY A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!