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WISAM President's Message



David Galbis-Reig, MD, DFASAM

Dear Fellow Members of WISAM,

It is with gratitude and humility that I assume the role of President for the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine. I have been a member of the society for over 12 years and have been mentored throughout by many of the individuals who have shaped the course of WISAM over the past decade including Dr. Michael Miller, Dr. Brian Lochen, Dr. Aleksandra Zgierska, Dr. Matt Felgus, Dr. Nameeta Dookeran, Dr. Subhadeep Barman, and Dr. Ritu Bhatnagar. Their leadership has helped foster WISAM's reputation as the go-to organization for all issues related to Addiction Medicine. It has been my honor to serve the organization as Secretary and President-Elect during the previous years and I now look forward to working with all of you to continue to ensure that WISAM remains the premier professional organization for those working in any capacity with patients who suffer with the disease of addiction in Wisconsin.

With this in mind, I would like to begin my presidency with a challenge to our membership. As a volunteer organization, WISAM relies on individuals who donate their time and expertise to serve on WISAM Committees, to serve as members of the WISAM Board, and to serve WISAM in positions of interest across the State. With respect to internal positions at the WISAM, several standing committees are available to both regular and associate members willing to serve including the Public Policy Committee, the Education Committee, and the Finance Committee. While the Board positions are currently filled, I encourage our regular membership who are interested in being considered for a board position in the future to begin by volunteering on one of our committees. External positions of interest to WISAM include serving as the ex-officio representative for WISAM to the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA), a position I have held since 2016 that affords WISAM an opportunity to advise the State regarding policy decisions and issues associated with substance use prevention and treatment in Wisconsin. Additional external opportunities include physicians willing to serve as WISAM's delegate and alternate delegate to the Wisconsin Medical Society Annual Business Meeting as well as numerous other opportunities that are likely to present themselves over the course of the next year. In order

for the Society to continue prosper, it is crucial that as much of its membership as possible become involved in some aspect of the Society, for it is from the diversity of its membership that WISAM derives its strength, but such strength is only possible when most of its membership is active and involved. And hence my challenge: I ask that each of you consider how you can become more involved in the society by donating of your time and expertise and making a commitment to serve WISAM in some capacity.

As we continue onward towards 2020, I look forward to working with all of you to foster the growth of WISAM and to ensure that we remain relevant for years to come.

Sincerely,

David Galbis-Reig, M.D., DFASAM, President

X-Waiver Training Series

More than 330 individuals trained in 2019!

The 2019 X-Waiver Training Series, provided by WISAM and Wisconsin Department of Health Services, has successfully wrapped up for the year.

The Buprenorphine X-Waiver Training Series is designed to increase treatment capacity for opioid use disorders by training more prescribers to be able to treat opioid use disorders with buprenorphine. These courses are free to all Wisconsin providers who are eligible to prescribe buprenorphine.

COMING SOON: Stay up-to-date with [2020 series information on our website!](#)

Upcoming Events

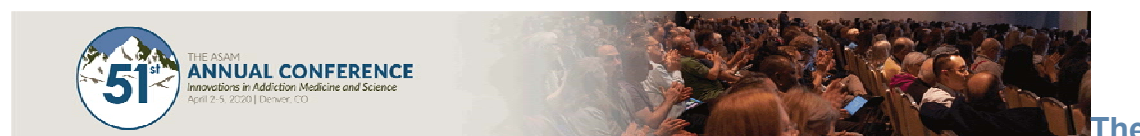
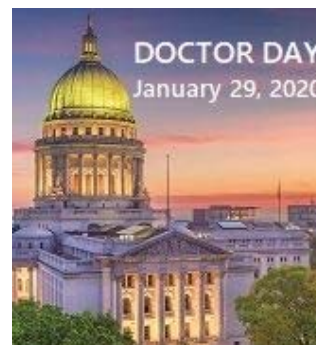
Wisconsin Doctor Day 2020

Charles Franklin, PhD, nationally recognized government scholar and pollster, will headline Doctor Day 2020.

More than 500 physicians and medical students from 20 different physician organizations are expected to participate in Doctor Day 2020.

The event will feature policy breakout sessions, legal updates and priority issue briefings at the Monona Terrace Convention Center prior to visits with legislators and staff at the State Capitol.

Learn first-hand how to participate and make a difference in the legislative process! The multi-specialty nature of Doctor Day makes this among the largest state Advocacy Day events for physicians in the country. [Register Today!](#)



ASAM Annual Conference

Innovations in Addiction Medicine and Science

The ASAM 51st Annual Conference begins at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2020, with an opening welcome reception. The conference concludes at noon on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Please note the pre-conference offerings take place on Thursday, April 2, 2020. Find more information [here!](#)

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