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Wisconsin Chapter, American
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President's Message - April 2018

Lisa Maurer, MD, FACEP

Wisconsin is unique. We use the word "bubbler." We drink our Old Fashioneds with brandy. And our process for Emergency Detention psychiatric holds is unlike most you'll find in most of the rest of the country. Yeah us! A big headline you need to know about is the recent passage of new [WI law](#) that changes the liability environment around ED holds for physicians. We've enlisted help from an attorney to interpret this new law from the viewpoint of an emergency physician, so be sure to read his [summary memo and FAQs](#). [Read More](#).

WACEP EatWell Contest Runs April 15-May 15

EATWELL is a wellness initiative of the Wisconsin Chapter, ACEP, encouraging members to eat well and share their successes! The contest is open to Wisconsin EM physicians, EM residents, medical student members of their EMIG, and APPs. One winner will be randomly selected for a WACEP fleece, and \$200 to be applied toward food/catering for you and your colleagues during a shift in the ED or a department meeting. [Read more](#).



Legislative Update

Eric Jensen, WACEP Lobbyist

Mayo v. WIPFCF, et al.: The Mayo case will be argued before the Wisconsin Supreme Court on Thursday, April 19th. Before the Court is an Appeals Court decision rendering Wisconsin's cap on non-economic damages in medical liability cases unconstitutional. At present, pending the Court's decision (not expected until sometime this summer), there is effectively no cap on non-economic damages. WACEP led a coalition of eight medical specialty organizations in writing and submitting an Amicus ("friend of the court") brief in defense of the caps. [Read more](#).

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Call for Volunteers! Mock Oral Boards Days

WACEP members are invited to participate and help out at the upcoming mock Oral Boards events at both MCW and UW! If you are interested, please reach out directly. [Read more.](#)



Ahrens Recognized with Young Physician Award at WMS Foundation Dinner

The annual WMS Foundation Fundraising Dinner took place on Friday, April 13 on the eve of the Wisconsin Medical Society's 2018 Annual Meeting, and WACEP was proud to sponsor the event, during which BayCare Emergency Physician Dr. Kerry Ahrens MD, MS was awarded the Kenneth M. Viste, Jr. MD Young Physician Award. This award is presented each year to a young physician who demonstrates commitment to patients, the medical profession and the community. [Read more.](#)



EM Represented at WMS House of Delegates

Brad Burmeister, MD, EM Delegate to WMS

The WACEP delegation braved Blizzard Evelyn to attend the 2018 Wisconsin Medical Society House of Delegates (HOD) April 14-15. This year, WACEP, together with the Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists, proposed a resolution regarding consensus principles on Insurance Coverage for Out-of-Network Care. This resolution seeks to outlay principles to address the issues of balanced billing and surprise out-of-network bills our patients receive. [Read more.](#)

Survey Reminder! Help Prevent Repeat Overdoses

If you haven't already, please consider taking this [brief survey](#) to help inform the development of tools for emergency department clinicians aimed at reducing opioid overdoses in Wisconsin. Anyone who provides patient care in a Wisconsin ED setting may participate in the survey.

Save-the-Date! WACEP 2019 Symposium

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the WACEP 2019 Spring Symposium & 27th Annual Emergency Medicine Research Forum. The event will take place **April 3-4, 2019** at the Harley-Davidson Museum, Milwaukee WI. Stay tuned for more details.