



# The Wisconsin Neurological Society

Enhancing the Science and Art of Neurology in the State of Wisconsin

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## Register for Doctor Day 2017 - March 29 @ The Monona Terrace in Madison!

**Neurology Update @ 2017 Doctor Day:** The Wisconsin Neurological Society is pleased to be hosting a **Neurology Update** at 8 a.m. in combination with Doctor Day. This will be an opportunity for Wisconsin Neurologists to meet and discuss future plans for the Society. All Neurologists that register for Doctor Day will be invited to the WNS meeting earlier that day. [Make plans to attend today!](#)

Building off record attendance at Doctor Day 2016, specialty societies and the Wisconsin Medical Society are expecting to draw another record attendance at the 2017 Doctor Day. Over 250 physicians, students, residents, retirees, and other professionals have already registered! The event is scheduled in Madison on March 29. Click [here](#) for a list of participating organizations.

This annual advocacy event is timed well for physicians to be able to meet with their legislators and/or staff members, and to have input on the budget and other important health care issues. Participants will hear from Medicaid Director Michael Heifetz of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and others, then will take part in an issue briefing before heading to the Capitol. Lunch will be provided, and the day will conclude with a reception in downtown Madison.

Visit the Doctor Day [website](#) for more information and to register.



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## Renew Your Membership with the Wisconsin Neurological Society - Membership Year January 1 - December 31!

If you haven't, act **now** to renew your 2017 membership with the Wisconsin Neurological Society. If you haven't renewed, this will be your last eNews!

The Society continues to work toward advancing the field of Neurology in Wisconsin through educational opportunities, creating a professional network, and the sharing of scientific information. Don't wait, please renew now!

If you are a current member, your invoice has been created and sent to you. Please contact the office if you did not receive this. You can also [login and renew](#) using your username: **@@username@@**. Please contact the WNS Office if you need assistance with your password!

Thank you in advance for your membership with the Society!

## Save the Date - WNS 2017 Annual Conference

*October 27-28, 2017  
Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI*

The 2017 conference will feature a special presentation by Dr. Steven Lewis, ABPN Neurology Director on Maintenance of Certification (MOC), along with other educational content specific to Wisconsin Neurologists. Stay tuned for a full conference schedule!

The 2017 conference will also once again feature the Francis M. Forster Award competition and the announcement of the Bennett Hiner Research Award. Make plans now to join WNS October 27-28, 2017 for the Annual Conference at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake!

## Wisconsin Health News - March 7 Panel - The Rise of Prescription Drug Costs: What to do?

Increasing prescription drug costs have caught the attention of the President and the public. What's behind the rapid rise and how far are lawmakers willing to go?

Would allowing Medicare to negotiate with drugmakers make an impact? What about cutting taxes and regulations? And would lower prices mean less innovation? Learn more at a Wisconsin Health News Panel Event March 7 at the Madison Club ([register now](#)). Panelists:

- **Holly Campbell**, Senior Director of Public Affairs, PhRMA
- **Dr. Mark Huth**, CEO, Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin
- **Andy Pulvermacher**, Specialty Services Supervisor, UW Health
- **Paul Rosowski**, Senior Director, Industry Relations and

## **American Academy of Neurology Updates - Membership, Economics and Legislative Reports**

**Membership:** Renewal rates were strong for 2016. The goals for the number of dues-paying US neurologists and retention rate of dues-paying US neurologists were met, along with goals for retention of Early Career members and the number of medical students. [Find out more here.](#)

**Medical Economics:** The 2016 Practice Management Webinar series ended strong with a total of 637 unique registrations, which is 113 higher than 2015. The series concluded with a free webinar on MACRA and the 2017 Medicare physician fee schedule. [Find out more here.](#)

**Federal Legislative:** The AAN has met its goals for BrainPAC for 2016, in both the number of unique donors and total contributions. [Find out more here.](#)

**State Legislative:** Telemedicine continues to be an important issue on the state level. 29 states currently have a telemedicine parity law and more likely to join during the 2017 legislative session. The AMA recently wrote an interesting article on where telemedicine has been, where its headed. [Find out more here.](#)

## **Related News**

**GIB letter Reveals More Details about Self-insurance Process:** Group Insurance Board members sent a letter last week to lawmakers, revealing more information on the process they used when deciding to self-fund and regionalize the health plan for state employees. Their plan, approved last week, would shift the state away from a fully insured model, which involves 18 companies, to a model with six vendors. [Read more.](#)

**Lawmakers face dueling CBD oil proposals:** Democratic lawmakers are circulating a proposal that would allow non-psychoactive cannabidiol oil to be manufactured in the state of Wisconsin, arguing a bill approved by the Senate last week doesn't go far enough. [The bill](#), authored by Sen. Chris Larson, D-Milwaukee, and Rep. Jimmy Anderson, D-Fitchburg, would establish a licensure program for individuals to produce and distribute CBD oil. [Read more.](#)

**WHA Physician Quality Academy:** The Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) has developed an important resource for physicians and advance practice providers who have an assigned role related to quality measurement and improvement within a WHA member hospital or health system. The WHA Physician Quality Academy will provide physicians the opportunity to increase their knowledge of quality improvement tools and principles; therefore, increasing the likelihood that a physician will be more successful in and comfortable with this leadership role. [Read more and register.](#)

**All Users Required to Register for new ePDMP:** The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) launched the new Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (ePDMP) on Tuesday, replacing the former program. [2015 Act 266](#) requires physicians and other prescribers to review patient information from the ePDMP before issuing a prescription for any controlled substance beginning April 1, 2017. [Read more.](#)

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**2017 AAN Annual Meeting - Boston, MA - April 22-28, 2017 - Register Today!**

Discover the Annual Meeting everyone's talking about. Annual Meeting registration is now open.

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)

**KEY DATES**

Early Registration: March 30, 2017

Hotel Deadline: March 8, 2017

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**Upcoming events:**

[Doctor Day](#)

*March 29, 2017 - Monona Terrace, Madison, WI*

[AAN Annual Meeting](#)

*April 22-28, 2017 - Boston, MA*

*WNS Annual Conference*

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