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Doctor Day 2017 Approaching - Still a Chance to Register! - March 29 @ The Monona Terrace in Madison

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 400** physicians, students, residents, retirees, and other professionals have registered, with just over a week until the event! Click [here](#) for a list of participating organizations

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. Final details to come soon regarding room assignment for this meeting. [Make plans to attend today!](#)

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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Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

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Registration to come soon!
The 2017 conference will include presentations on:

- DSPS Required Opioid Education
- EMG Vignettes
- Stroke/Neurocritical Care: Overview and Special Topics
- Epilepsy Monitoring: Uses and Current Research
- Summary of the ABPN MOC Program
- A Collaborative Approach to Addressing Sleep and Cognition
- Anoxic Encephalopathy and Predicting Outcomes

Watch your email for more details and registration coming soon!

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!

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

Find out more information from the AAN update by [clicking here](#).

Membership: A [study](#) by the AAN shows that 60 percent of respondents had at least one symptom of burnout, and burnout is common in all neurology practice settings and subspecialties. The study was published in the January 25, 2017, online issue of *Neurology*®.

Medical Economics: The AAN Medical Economics & Management Committee (MEM) approved its regulatory priorities for 2017, which include: 1) Continuing MACRA advocacy with the goal to reduce burdens on neurologists while improving the Quality Payment Program; 2) Encouraging increased flexibilities for small and solo neurology practices; 3) Advocating for more accurate and improved cognitive reimbursement; and 4) Monitoring regulatory announcements from the new administration to outline further regulatory priorities as needed and address developments.

Federal Legislative: The AAN responds to immigration policy, [reintroduction of the FAST Act](#), encourages funding for the NIH,

State Legislative: The number of states that have adopted the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact stands at 18. 6 states currently have active legislation, which the AAN is supporting. The compact offers an expedited licensing process for physicians interested in practicing medicine in multiple states. Wondering how the compact works? [Check out this short video!](#)

Society Submits Comments on CMS Market Stabilization Rule

The Wisconsin Medical Society last week submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on its proposed "[Market Stabilization Rule](#)." The rule is intended to stabilize the individual and small group insurance markets and to provide insurers some preliminary policy guidance while the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and American Health Care Act (AHCA) are being debated.

The proposed rule would amend existing regulations regarding guaranteed availability requirements, special enrollment periods, annual enrollment periods, standards related to network adequacy and essential community providers and actuarial value.

The Society commented on each of these provisions and incorporated additional comments from Infinity Health Care, Wisconsin Medical Group Management Association, Association of Wisconsin Surgical Centers, Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative and Mercy Health System Corporation.

The Society also reiterated its commitment to its [health care reform principles](#), stating that any health care reform measures should not result in individuals losing existing coverage, place undue burdens on patients or physicians, restrict access or adversely affect affordability.

[Click here](#) to access the Society's comments.

Related News

Rural Initiative' legislators introduce health care bills: A group of Wisconsin State Assembly Republicans are promoting legislation this session under the "Wisconsin Rural Initiative" banner, focusing on technology, workforce, education and health care. Called the "Rural Wisconsin Matters Plan," the group unveiled three health care-related bills* Wednesday. [Read more.](#)

Assembly approves CBD oil bill: The Assembly unanimously approved legislation this month that lifts state penalties for possessing cannabinoid oil, sending the bill to Gov. Scott Walker's desk. The bill would allow patients with documentation from a doctor to possess the CBD oil, which is derived from marijuana. Under federal rules, however, the substance is still classified as a schedule I drug, making it illegal to possess. [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.](#)

Committees green light opioid bills: Two Assembly committees approved five bills that target the state's opioid addiction last Thursday. The bills are part of the special session ordered by Gov. Scott Walker to fight the epidemic. Most of the bills made it out of committee on bipartisan, unanimous votes. But a proposal providing \$420,000 over the next two fiscal years to hire four investigators at the Department of Justice targeting drug trafficking passed 9-3. [Read more.](#)

Committee approves rural broadband bill: The Senate Committee on Revenue, Financial Institutions and Rural Issues approved a bill Thursday that would increase funding for rural broadband and add healthcare criteria the Public Service Commission should consider when awarding money..

2017 AAN Annual Meeting - Boston, MA - April 22-28, 2017 - Early Registration ends March 30th!

Discover the Annual Meeting everyone's talking about. Annual Meeting registration is open and early registration is approaching.

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

Upcoming events:

[Wisconsin Health News: DHS Sec. Linda Seemeyer](#)

March 21, 2017 - Madison Club, Madison, WI

[Doctor Day](#)

March 29, 2017 - Monona Terrace, Madison, WI

[Wisconsin Health News: Coordinating Care Coordination](#)

April 4, 2017 - Wisconsin Club, Milwaukee, WI

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