

Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine

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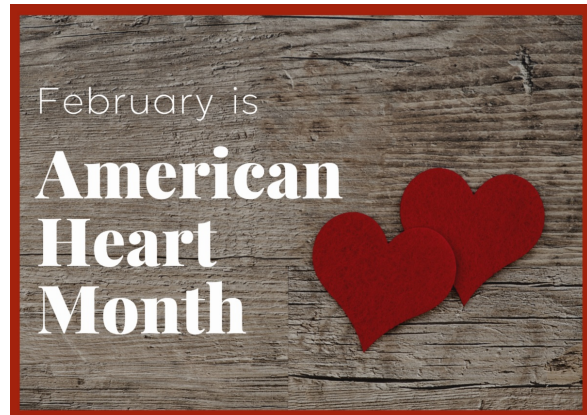
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Message from the Board

Did you know February is American Heart Month? The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute has been spreading important information on raising awareness regarding taking action to prevent health disease by keeping our hearts healthy. Read more about these initiatives [here](#).

The first X-Waiver training of the 2020 series was held on Tuesday, February 18th in Madison, WI. We are off to a strong start training more individuals through the Buprenorphine X-Waiver Series through ASAM's courses. Recently additional educational resources were added to our website - check that out [here](#). Visit our website for the full X-Waiver Training Series schedule of dates/ locations [here](#).

The WISAM Annual Conference Planning Committee has been meeting for the last few weeks in order to finalize details regarding the 2020 Annual Conference. Make sure you are visiting our [website](#) and checking your emails as more information will be released soon regarding the conference schedule and speakers. Please consider sharing the save-the-date below with your colleagues who may be interested in attending in 2020.



EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE:



Buprenorphine X-Waiver Training Series

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 | 12:30-5:00 p.m. | Wauwatosa | [Register Here](#)
Friday, April 24, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Neenah | [Register Here](#)
Friday, April 24, 2020 | 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Neenah | [Register Here](#)

These courses are FREE to all Wisconsin providers who are eligible to prescribe buprenorphine. Registration is required.

[View X-Waiver Flyer](#)

[Visit Our Website](#)

Current News

Assembly signs off on Tobacco 21 plan

Wisconsin Health News / February 21

The Assembly signed off on raising the tobacco purchase age to 21 during a floor session on Thursday. The federal government raised the age last year, but state and local law enforcement don't have the authority to enforce federal law. States have to comply with the federal law or else risk losing funding on a block grant for mental health services that relies on compliance with the policy.

Lawmakers approved an amendment to the original bill striking the mention of the age 21 and instead referencing the age set by federal law. Bill author Rep. John Spiros, R-Marshfield, said that would ensure that lawmakers won't have to modify state law if federal law changes again. "By passing this bill, not only are we ensuring that Wisconsin does not lose federal funding, but we are also helping to stop the public health crisis in its tracks," Spiros said.

Rep. Jill Billings, D-La Crosse, offered an amendment voted down by Republicans that would provide \$2 million for smoking cessation and education. For some young adults who smoke, raising the age could cut off access to tobacco purchase, she said. "We'll have a ton of people who are addicted, who have been smoking legally for years, who will need smoking cessation help," she said.

View the full article on WISAM's website [here](#).

WISAM Town Hall Teleconference Series

Members and non-members are invited to participate in monthly teleconference calls with the leadership of the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine.

These calls are designed to provide timely updates on important issues in addiction medicine, and an opportunity for peer-to-peer dialogue.

If you are interested in participating in these calls, please [email us here!](#) You can also submit topics and/or questions through the button below.



Upcoming Calls:

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Topic: Opioid Epidemic (preview article for discussion [here](#))

Lead: David Galbis-Reig, MD, DFASAM

Specific call Information can be found [here!](#)

[Submit Questions Here](#)

Additional Events

DHS Opioid Forum

May 5-7, 2020

Wisconsin Dells, WI

ACMT 2020 Total Tox Course

August 26-28, 2020

Minneapolis, MN

ASAM Annual Conference

A photograph of a large audience seated in a conference hall, clapping their hands. The photo is partially obscured by the ASAM logo on the left.

THE ASAM
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Innovations in Addiction Medicine and Science
April 2-5, 2020 | Denver, CO

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!](#)

2020 Annual Conference



October 1-2, 2020

***“Substance Use Disorders and Beyond
2020: A New Era”***

Mark your calendars to join us at
The Pyle Center in Madison, WI.

Be sure to watch our [website](#) for more
information coming soon!

Helpful Links

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