

WSUS News

April 2019

MISSION

To enhance the delivery and quality of urologic care through education and advocacy for patients and physicians.

2019 Dues renewal

All membership renewal notices were emailed through our online invoicing system last month. A hard copy was included in the annual meeting Save the Date mailing several weeks ago. If you did not receive your invoice and would like the status of your annual dues, please contact Debi Johnson, WSUS Executive Director at djmgmt@gmail.com or 425-971-5822 cell.

SAVE THE DATES

May 14, 2019

WSUS Quarterly Board Meeting

6:30 pm

Seattle, WA

May 3-6, 2019

AUA Annual Meeting

Chicago, IL

June 21-July 23, 2019

WSUS Annual Meeting

Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort

Leavenworth, WA

September 17, 2019

WSUS Quarterly Board Meeting

6:30 pm

Seattle, WA

September 28, 2019

WSUS hosted ZERO Prostate Cancer

Run/Walk & Superhero Kids Dash for Dads

Snohomish, WA

www.zeroprostatecancerun.org/pugetsound

October 13-14, 2019

AACU Annual Meeting

The Willard Hotel, Washington DC

December 3, 2019

WSUS Quarterly Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

Seattle, WA

January 11, 2020

Annual Strategic Planning Session

Redmond, WA

February 8-9, 2020

NWUS Annual Meeting

Vancouver, BC

WSUS NEWS RECAP

(Expanded information found on our website under "News")

President's Message

Another year is upon us and we are already deep into 2019 and I cannot thank the members of WSUS enough for your continued support and engagement in our organization.

You won't want to miss the annual meeting this year in June. Details on the next page which include two Washington State required certifications to maintain your licensure.

Mark your calendar as well for the 2nd Annual WSUS hosted ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk and Superhero Kids Dash for Dads.



Paul Kozlowski MD's complete message is found on our website under the "News" tab.

Annual Meeting Highlights (June 21-23, 2019)

LOCATION: Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort
(Leavenworth, WA)
RESERVATIONS: Call the resort today and reserve
your cabin 1-800-574-2123

*Note: If you try to book online the resort
will be shown as sold out because the
WSUS has reserved all cabins for our
group. You must call to reserve*



REGISTRATION: Register today through our website under the Events & Education tab
(Annual Meeting sub tab). Click on the **GREEN "TICKETS"** bar.

The meeting will kick off Friday with a **BONUS SESSION** to two legislative mandated courses for your
licensure: * Training in Suicide Care for Physicians
* Opioid Training Mandated by the Washington State Legislature

Featured speakers include:

Jeff Frankel, MD	President, Western Section AUA and the WSUS Government Affairs Chair
R. Jonathan Henderson MD (KEYNOTE)	
Juanita Hodax, MD	Pediatrician at Seattle Children's Hospital
Carrier Horwitch, MD	Board certified internal medicine physician and certified laughter leader
Kathryn Kolan, JD	WSMA Senior Director, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Mark Painter	Co-Founder, Physician Reimbursement Systems
Jeb Shepard	WSMA Director of Policy
Jeff Sung, MD	Psychiatrist at Harborview and UW instructor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Evan Yu, MD	Medical oncologist. Associate Professor at UW specializing in genitourinary oncology (Prostate, bladder, and testicular cancers)

Conference topics to include:

- 2019 Provider and Patient Protection Initiatives
- AUA and AACU health policy update
- Annual urology hot topics member roundtable discussions
- Practice administrator breakout and networking event
- Women in Urology breakout and networking event
- 2019 urology coding update
- Laugh Therapy
- Unraveling the complex treatment landscape of prostate cancer: Guidance for delivering evidence-based patient-centered care
- Caring for the transgender in urology

- **BONUS** session (Friday) = Training in Suicide Care for Physicians
- **BONUS** session (Friday) = Opioid Training Mandated by the Washington State Legislature



ZERO Prostate Cancer Run on September 29th to be hosted by WSUS

Join members of the society and community in raising awareness for prostate cancer in your local communities and celebrate your efforts with the Saturday, September 28th Run/Walk and Superhero Kids Dash for Dads. Urology practices in Washington are beginning to create their teams. Net proceeds are used for community outreach, education, advocacy, patient support services and research. We have raised \$21,000 to date for the September race. If your practice is located outside the immediate area of the race (Snohomish, WA) contact Debi Johnson (djmgmt@gmail.com) for information on the virtual teams and awareness events you can have in your local community to further raise awareness of what your practice is doing to help raise awareness and funds for the fight against prostate cancer.
www.zeroprostatecancerrun.org/pugetsound



Pediatric Urology – Kathryn Kieran MD

In a joint collaboration between the Family Jewels Foundation and the Washington State Urology Society, we have secured a gubernatorial proclamation of April as Testicular Cancer Awareness Month. The Family Jewels Foundation Founder's son was first diagnosed with TC at the age of 13.

Link to a copy of the proclamation can be found on our website under the “News” tab



Government Affairs Chairman Report – Jeff Frankel MD

The WSUS is actively involved in health care advocacy for you and your patients. Over the last year we have participated or created events that are germane to protecting your ability to practice high quality and efficient urological care both on a national and statewide basis including our 3rd Annual WSUS Legislative Summit in Olympia that took place on February 5th.

Dr. Jeff Frankel's complete report is found on our website under the “News” tab.



AUA Annual Advocacy Summit Recap – Carleen Bensen MD

Washington State was well represented by Drs. Ken Berger, Jeff Evans, Jeff Frankel, Kathleen Kobashi and Carleen Bensen. The main asks for the members of Congress and Senate were to; 1) support prostate cancer screening for the high risk population, 2) support prior authorization legislation, and 3) support federal funding for urologic research.

AUA Coding and Reimbursement Committee Report – Carleen Bensen MD

I attended the Coding and Reimbursement Committee in Washington DC on March 3, 2019. Confidentiality agreements prohibit me from discussing most of what we covered. There was a recommendation *not* to use 64581 (open interstim electrode implant) as this implies cutting down to and exposing the sacrum, something I doubt anyone is doing any more. For stage 1, it should be 64561. The BCG shortage has created a coding sticky wicket. The AUA has recommended 1/3 to 1/2 dose, divided among 1-3 patients. The reconstituted BCG is only stable for 2 hours. There is no consensus on how to charge for a half or third dose. Stay tuned to the AUA emails for recommendations.

National Insurance Advisory Workgroup Report– Carleen Bensen MD

One of the big “wins” at the advocacy conference in DC was the AUA reps meeting with US Pharmacopia about the compounding of hazardous drugs. At the present time, Lupron and BCG are on the list of “hazardous drugs” and may require special compounding situations, ie. a hood to mix them. The AUA reps made the point that we are not compounding, but administering the drugs. They have agreed to look into this so we will not be burdened with having to purchase hoods, etc.

Dr. Carleen Bensen's complete reports are found on our website under the “News” tab.



Men's Health Chair Report – Richard Pelman MD

The one, the only, THE ORIGINAL GUIDE TO MEN'S HEALTH podcast series to launch! Season 1 to be published this month (April 2019). Twelve episodes will soon be available on iTunes and www.wsus.org

APRIL is Testicular Cancer Awareness Month

June is Men's Health Awareness Month

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Dr. Richard Pelman's complete report including a list of all episodes included in the new WSUS podcast is found on our website under the "News" tab.



Women's Health Chair Report – Una Lee MD

- Nearly 30 women attended the workshop led by Natalie Johnson from the Human Performance Institute on "Optimizing our energy and performance." During the morning we learned about the 4 dimensions of energy (physical, emotional, mental, spiritual); Identifying the types of stress; How to use cognitive reframing to find the opportunity and positive aspects of our stress to increase or enhance performance and much more!
- Women's health podcast will be launched later this year. Contact Dr. Lee or Debi Johnson if you are interested in being interviewed for the podcast.

PRILDr. Una Lee's complete report is found on our website under the "News" tab.



WSUS website – Scott VanAppledorn MD www.wsus.org

Take a look at the website and let us know what you think. Your feedback will be presented at the next WSUS executive board meeting on May 9th. We are looking for several WSUS members to join the informatics and website committee. Time involved is minimal but strategic and important to the society. Contact Scott VanAppledorn MD or Debi Johnson if you are interested. dimgmt@gmail.com or 425-971-5822 cell.

The following board members are members-at-large that serve as active committee members as needed



Chris Hempel MD



Stephen King MD



Matt Uhlman MD