



## Greetings from the Washington State Urology Society!

WSUS Member Email Update, Spring 2024

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### **Advocacy.**

WSUS Legislative Day took place January 30, in Olympia, and was attended by 24 Urologists, residents and a medical student. Members of our legislature were educated on the importance of vasectomies remaining the purview of urology, why the prescription of psychiatric medication should only be performed by psychiatrists, and the urgent need for the Washington Commission on Boy's and Men's Health. Stephen King is leading the newly formed House of Delegates, a WSUS group focused on urology advocacy. The first meeting will occur **April 24 at 7 pm**, virtually. We are seeking volunteers from each legislative district, and training will be provided. Please attend. [Contact Debi Johnson](#) if you are not already a WSUS HOD member and would like to be a part of the discussion.

### **Annual meeting.**

The [WSUS annual meeting](#) will occur at the Skamania Lodge, **June 21-23**, in Stevenson, WA. Registration is now open, and [room reservations](#) are now available. Families are encouraged to attend.

### **Podcasts.**

The WSUS-sponsored [The Original Guide to Men's Health](#) podcast is continually generating new content important to the health of your patients, and just completed its 75<sup>th</sup> episode. We appreciate the work of Dr. Richard Pelman, who produces this valuable resource. You can [access content at wsus.org](#) or any podcast app.

**DocMatter.** This members-only platform allows you to query the membership with clinical and practice management questions. This is moderated, HIPAA compliant, and without commercial bias. Please submit cases, as well as contribute your expertise to discussions. [Contact Debi Johnson](#) if you need assistance participating.

**Membership.** It is time to renew your membership at [wsus.org](#). Dues are critical for funding advocacy and events. Also, consider sponsoring non-member physicians, APPs, and medical students for membership. Contact Debi Johnson at [djmgmt@gmail.com](mailto:djmgmt@gmail.com) for applications.

**Resident and Fellow Members.** Join us in welcoming our first [Resident/Fellow Membership](#) liaison to the WSUS Executive Board, [Oriyomi Alimi MD, PharmD](#) (Virginia Mason Franciscan Healthcare). We are also seeking representatives from UW and Madigan Army Medical Center. If you know of a resident or fellow from these programs who may be interested in participating, contact [Debi Johnson](#) or [Marco Salazar M.D.](#)

**Medical Student Members.** Congratulations to our first WSUS Medical Student Members! Lars Neuenschwander matched at the University of Iowa and Garret Britt matched at SUNY Upstate in Syracuse. Kyle Schuppe is doing research at the NIH. We have [three new medical students passionate about becoming future urologists](#) who can be found on our website page dedicated to medical student members.

WSUS needs you! WSUS is seeking one person from each region of our state to function as a liaison between WSUS and the practices in your region. Please contact [me](#) or [Debi Johnson](#) if interested.

This is your organization! Do not hesitate to [contact me](#) at any time with questions, comments, and suggestions as to how we can better serve your needs.

Best wishes for a prosperous and healthy Spring.

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#### MISSION

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

#### VISION

To be recognized as a collaborative resource on the creation of health policy, patient education, and forums for urologists addressing urologic health, accessibility, and delivery of optimal care for Washington state communities, residents and our members.