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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Greetings from the**  **Washington State Urology Society!**  This is your Urology Society news update.   **Advocacy**.  Naturopathic Practitioners have requested the expansion of their scope of practice to include vasectomies, under the guise of it being a “minor surgical procedure”.  WSUS Government Affairs Chair Dr. Jeffrey Frankel has personally attended 3 Board of Naturopathy meetings to testify against this change.  WSUS and AUA have submitted a joint letter in opposition, and the WSMA is supportive of our position. We encourage you to contact your state Senators and Representatives and voice your concerns about this and other issues.  The impact of a personal relationship with your legislators cannot be overstated. WSUS also invites the membership to submit any advocacy questions or concerns.  Here is a link to help you find your elected officials.  [FIND MY LEGISLATORS and MEMBERS OF CONGRESS](https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/).   **Annual** **meeting**.  The WSUS annual meeting will be at the [Semiahmoo Resort](https://www.semiahmoo.com), June 16-18, in Blaine, WA.  This is a family friendly resort, and CME will be available.  Program details to follow.    **Regional** **Meetings**.  The WSUS regional meeting schedule is as follows: 3/10/23—Bellingham 5/5/23—Vancouver 5/19/23—Spokane 9/22/23—Yakima 10/20/23—TriCities 11/17/23—Seattle region  Evenings consist of dinner and fellowship, and all members of your practices, as well as spouses, are invited. Please register with Debi Johnson at [djmgmt@gmail.com](mailto:djmgmt@gmail.com).   **Podcasts.**  The WSUS-sponsored The Original Guide to Men’s Health and Healthcare Coup podcasts are continually generating new content important to the health of your patients.  You can access both podcasts at wsus.org.   **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 feel free to submit cases, as well as contribute your expertise to discussions.   **WSUS Expansion.** WSUS now welcomes medical students and APPs.  Kyle Schuppe, medical student at the WSU School of Medicine, and Madison McDonald, PA with Spokane Urology, have recently been appointed to the WSUS Board as liaisons. Consider nominating and sponsoring APPs and medical students with which you work for WSUS membership.      **Please renew your membership.**  Membership fees are critical for funding advocacy and events.  Please renew at wsus.org.     **Consider Joining the Membership Committee.** I am looking for at least one person from each region of our state to function as a liaison between WSUS and the practices in your region.  Time commitment is minimal.   **This is your organization!**  You are invited to contact me at any time with questions, comments and suggestions as to how we can better serve your needs.      Hope you are staying warm and dry!   Marco A. Salazar, MD, Ph.D Washington State Urology Society Membership Chair Evergreen Health Urology Care  Kirkland, WA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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. | | |