



This is your Urology Society news update.

Advocacy. WSUS has been alerted of the intent for Naturopathic practitioners to request the expansion of their scope of practice to include vasectomies, abortions, and other “routine” procedures. The WSUS Government Affairs Committee is seeking a minimum of 1 urologist from each legislative district to be part of our grassroots effort to address this and other issues, which may include mandatory chaperones to be provided by physician offices, which we are seeing in Oregon. We encourage you to learn who your state Senators and Representatives are, and to schedule a meeting with each of them. The impact of a personal relationship with your legislators cannot be overstated. Here is a link to help you find your elected officials. [FIND MY LEGISLATORS and MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.](#)

Annual meeting. The WSUS annual meeting was held at the Coeur d’Alene Resort, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, June 10-12. Sessions included strategies for team building, review of advocacy efforts, and discussions regarding common urologic conditions. It was great to see and reconnect with our colleagues throughout the state. Next year's meeting will be **June 17-18, 2023**, at the Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, WA.

Regional Meetings. The next WSUS regional meeting will be October 14 in Richland, at the [LuLu Craft Bar and Kitchen](#). A short program, drinks, hors d’oeuvres and dinner will be provided from 6 to 9 pm. Our final regional meeting of the year will be held on November 18 in Bellevue. Please register for these dinner meetings with Debi Johnson at djmgmt@gmail.com.

Podcasts. This is a reminder that the WSUS-sponsored podcasts [The Original Guide to Men’s Health](#) and [Healthcare Coup](#) are continually generating new content. You can access both podcasts at wsus.org and we encourage you to give each a 5-star review.

Prostate Cancer Screening Project. You will be receiving a survey regarding your prostate cancer screening practice and opinions. Please complete at your earliest convenience, as this will provide important information regarding gaps in patient and non-urologist provider education. [You can take the quick survey now with this LINK](#)

Opening opportunities for medical students interested in urology.

The WSUS has created a medical student liaison position to spearhead the activities and interests identified from medical students of UW, WSU and PNU who are interested in urology. We will be hosting several urology receptions for medical students interested in learning more about urology in the coming year. The society is also looking to partner with WSU to assist in providing 2–4-week sub-internship experiences.

NWUS. The Northwest Urological Society meeting will be January 28 and 29 in Portland, Oregon, in the South Waterfront location of the Oregon Health Science University's (OHSU) Urology Department. WSUS will hold a social during the meeting for its members. Further details to follow. For more information on this upcoming meeting, visit www.NWUS.org.

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. Consider sponsoring a new member of your urology practice or the advanced practice provider(s) you supervise for WSUS membership.

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your 2022 annual membership. Your dues are critical for funding advocacy and events. If you are unsure as to your membership status, please contact Debi Johnson djmgmt@gmail.com. You do not want your membership and access to benefits to lapse.

Wishing you a great Fall.

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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.