

President's Message by Travis W. Groth, MD



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I would like to thank everyone for making the Wisconsin Urological Society 2018 Annual Meeting in Milwaukee a wonderful success. The new Westin Milwaukee located in downtown Milwaukee was an exceptional venue for our conference. We truly had an extraordinary meeting.

We enjoyed fantastic lectures from Dr. Sandip Vasavada from the Cleveland Clinic and Dr. Claus Roehrborn from UT Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Vasavada presented and discussed the current stress urinary incontinence and overactive bladder guidelines along with speaking to us about mesh complications in female urology. This was followed by Dr. Roehrborn who presented the exciting role of minimally invasive surgical treatment for male LUTS/BPH along with sharing his insights about male LUTS and BPH. We were truly honored to have such nationally recognized experts giving presentations at our meeting.

The academic program featured excellent presentations from faculty and residents from both the Medical College of Wisconsin and University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Saturday Reception, which was moved to follow our general session, was a great success.

This was followed by our Annual Banquet at Rare Steak House, which was exceptional. The best part of the weekend was the chance to connect and catch-up with colleagues and friends from around the state.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your president over the past year. I would like to thank the WUS Board and of course the team from WJ Weiser & Associates that helped all year to bring together another fantastic meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone again next year at the WUS meeting in Madison.

Sincerely,
 Travis W. Groth, MD
 WUS Immediate Past President
 Milwaukee, WI

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report by David R. Paolone, MD



David R. Paolone, MD

I would like to personally thank everyone who helped make our Wisconsin Urological Society Annual Meeting this past April 20-22, 2018 in Milwaukee a tremendous success. I hope everyone found it as educational and collegial as I did.

The meeting was highlighted by presentations by Dr. Claus Roehrborn of UT Southwestern on minimally-invasive procedures and medical management for male lower urinary tract symptoms. Our

North Central Section Visiting Professor, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation's Dr. Sandip Vasavada, reviewed the AUA guidelines on incontinence and presented a very informative talk on mesh complications in urology. A panel discussion with Dr. Vasavada, Dr. Michael Guralnick of the Medical College of Wisconsin, and Dr. Sarah McAchran of the University of Wisconsin was particularly well-received, and this format is something we will likely continue in future meetings. The educational content of the meeting was also strengthened by new faculty lectures given by Dr. Scott Johnson of the Medical College of Wisconsin and Dr. Brian Le of the University of Wisconsin.

As always, the abstract presentations by the residents and medical students were impressive and a testament to their talent and enthusiasm for academic urology.

This year's resident award winners include Drs. Joshua Piotrowski and Raymond Roewe from the Medical College of Wisconsin and Drs. Matthew Grimes and Natasza Posielski from the University of Wisconsin. Please join me in congratulating them for seeing their hard work come to fruition.

The Wisconsin Urological Society remains in excellent financial standing, and we had a thoughtful discussion at the business meeting on ways that we can best utilize our solid financial footing to further the mission of the society. The Board will discuss these ideas further at the interim meeting this summer. Our industry partners helped to provide excellent support for the annual meeting, and I would encourage you to thank them for their participation if you encounter them in your practice.

I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's meeting in Madison at the Edgewater Hotel, March 15-17, 2019. Thank you again for your support of the Wisconsin Urological Society.

Best Wishes,
David R. Paolone, MD
WUS Secretary/Treasurer
Madison, WI

Congressional Retirements Promise to Make Waves

As the 2018 midterms approach, a growing list of senators and representatives have announced their intentions not to run for re-election. Altogether, the number of U.S. lawmakers vacating their seats in 2018 has reached 51. While some of these individuals will be seeking a new office, a surprising number have opted to retire from public office outright.

The Senate and House are losing a number of long-serving members whose institutional guidance and leadership will be sorely missed as Congress attempts to extract itself from the malaise it currently finds itself in.

Twenty-four of these retirements and resignations reside within the Republican caucus, a historically high number, which rivals the number of retirements experienced during the Nixon and Bush presidencies, according to a FiveThirtyEight analysis. What is most striking about these numbers, however, is their distinctly partisan distribution. Only eight Democrats have vacated their positions outright heading into 2018.

Observers have speculated that frustration over a dearth of legislative achievements has spurred the wave of retirements. Others see a controversial president and the looming prospect of bitter re-election battles as the predominant cause. The truth most likely lies somewhere in between, combined with a dose of exasperation over the White House's seemingly mercurial disposition.

No matter the most accurate interpretation of the current spate of retirements, the volume of vacancies promises to alter the political calculus in Washington. Despite the persistence of anti-establishment backlash among U.S. voters, incumbents continue to enjoy substantial performance advantages year over year. Combined with midterm elections that are historically unfavorable to the governing party, the wave of open seats bodes poorly for a Republican majority that is already operating on razor thin margins.

Within this environment, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) has expressed wishes to move ahead with major entitlement reforms. Reform of Medicare and Medicaid in particular has been one of Ryan's longstanding goals, with funding cuts a nearly certain feature of his ambitions.

The chances of any entitlement reforms originating in the House passing the muster of the Senate, however, seem slim. With a margin that has shrunk even further in the wake of Democrat Doug Jones' Senate election in Alabama, McConnell has signaled that any such effort would be doomed to fail.

In Brief:

Doctor Prevails in Non-compete Clause Case

Although restrictive covenants are common in employment contracts, Wisconsin law generally disfavors non-compete agreements. To enforce one, the company must show that the agreement is reasonable in its limits placed on geography, time and scope of services are narrow and needed to prevent harm to the business. Dr. Allen and her attorney argued that because

her family practice does not include urgent care services, Aurora Health Care's limitation on urgent care was unreasonable, making the non-compete itself unenforceable. Aurora argued that urgent care and family practice overlap. The court agreed with Allen's argument, finding that patients who want urgent care services typically seek out a nearby clinic without regard for which physician they will see. The court also held that the health care network failed to show that geographic limitations were reasonable in scope to protect the company from harm. (Alan C. Olson & Associates)

Wisconsin Supreme Court Takes Up Challenge to Legality of State's Caps on Medical Malpractice Payments

Wisconsin's cap on damages for pain and suffering is being challenged as unconstitutional. The state Supreme Court heard oral arguments this past April in a case involving a woman who lost both her arms and legs.

In 2014, plaintiff Ascaris Mayo was awarded a total of \$25.3 million, \$16.5 million of which was for non-economic damages, which Wisconsin caps at \$750,000. Her attorney Daniel Rottier says the cap violates the state constitution's equal protection clause because it hurts patients with the worst injuries the most. Proponents of the medical malpractice cap say it helps attract doctors to the state, curbs defensive medicine and protects a fund worth \$1.4 billion used to compensate patients. (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel)

Medical College of Wisconsin Makes Aaron Rodgers Honorary Doctor

The Medical College of Wisconsin bestowed an honorary doctorate of humanities degree to Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers for his commitment to end childhood cancer and blood disorders. Rodgers works with MCW faculty and others in the community toward this goal, and is heavily involved in the MACC Fund. He has helped raise \$2.8 million dollars for research impacting thousands of lives. (Medical College of Wisconsin)

Legislation Calls for Surgeries to be Recorded

Legislation introduced in mid-January would create a requirement for hospitals and surgical centers to offer patients the option to have their surgical procedures and discharge instructions videotaped. Under the bill, surgical facilities would be required to provide video equipment and recording services with audio and color video. Facilities would treat the taped procedures as confidential patient health care records subject to the same protections as any other medical recording. This means facilities would be subject to criminal and civil punishment for tampering with or disclosing the material. The bill's author state Rep. Christine Sinicki, D-Milwaukee, believes the legislation would increase transparency of information and occurrences in operating rooms. (Badger Herald)

Winners of the 2018 WUS Residents Award Certificates

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

1st Place: Joshua Piotrowski, MD, PhD
Preoperative Analgesia Does Not Alter Subjective Pain Assessment in Men Undergoing Vasectomy: An Early Prospective Study

2nd Place: Raymond Roewe Jr., MD
The Role of Age and Presenting Symptoms on Orchiectomy Rates in Patients with Testicular Torsion

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

1st Place: Matthew Grimes, MD
Differential Contributions of Prostate Inflammation, Fibrosis, and Volume to Bladder Outlet Obstruction

2nd Place: Natasza Posielski, MD
Do I Need to See a Urologist for my Vasectomy: A Comparison of Practice Patterns Between Urologists and Family Medicine Physicians

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