

## President's Message by James A. Wright, MD

Dear WUS Members,



*James A. Wright, MD*

First, it has been a privilege and honor to serve as president this past year. I want to thank and express my gratitude to the members of WUS, the WUS Board of Directors and WJ Weiser & Associates. Specifically, Mary Tully from WJ Weiser and Dr. John Kryger, our secretary/treasurer, for their tireless effort and great help in making the WUS and our meetings run smoothly.

Last April we had a great meeting at the Tundra Lodge Resort & Waterpark and Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The meeting was informative with visiting speakers Dr. Jack McAninch and Dr. J. Stuart Wolf, Jr., while also enjoyable for the water park enthusiasts and Packer fans. We had good attendance and pharmaceutical industry support was favorable.

This year's meeting, March 30 – April 1, 2012, promises to be a homerun as well. The meeting will be held at the InterContinental Milwaukee and we are going to continue our sports theme with our Saturday night banquet at Miller Park. Our guest speakers are NCS speaker Dr. Kevin McVary from Northwestern University (speaking about BPH and androgen replacement) and Dr. Christopher Kane from the University of California, San Diego (whose expertise is in urologic oncology). As usual, we will have presentations from the faculty and residents of UW Madison and MCW programs.

I encourage you all to participate and visit with old friends, while also earning CME. We look forward to seeing you in Milwaukee this spring and go Brewers!

James A. Wright, MD  
WUS President

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**Secretary/Treasurer's Report** by John V. Kryger, MD



*John V. Kryger, MD*

Welcome to an exciting new year in 2012. With a new year, some things change and some things remain the same. Kim Kardashian is single again, *Toddlers and Tiaras* is top reality television and I have transitioned to a new city as the chief of pediatric urology at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Still some things remain the same, as the Badgers made another trip to the Rose Bowl, and the Packers enjoyed a terrific regular season. So one can celebrate consistency as well!

The Wisconsin Urologic Society is eagerly planning the next annual meeting for March 30 – April 1, 2012, in Milwaukee. We hope to inspire both change and consistency. We had a great event in April 2011 with our meeting at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay. It began with nice reception hosted by our corporate sponsors on Friday evening. This was followed with a great meeting Saturday and Sunday morning. There were strong academic presentations highlighted by nationally recognized speakers, Dr. J. Stuart Wolf, Jr., from the University of Michigan and Dr. Jack W. McAninch from University of California-San Francisco. There was great resident and faculty participation. We had a fabulous banquet Saturday

evening with tours of historic Lambeau Field and the Packers Hall of Fame.

The extended sessions into Sunday morning allowed more time for academic presentations, question and answer sessions and interaction. It felt a lot less pressured for time and allowed for some personal family time in the water park at Tundra Lodge. Watch out below...for Dr. Dan William from the UW on a water slide!

It was our first event in Green Bay as a society and the social events were great opportunity to acquaint with our colleagues from around the state. It was well attended by physicians, residents, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurses. With our efforts to enhance the social opportunities of our meeting, I think this was a great success. The WUS meeting remains the only meeting dedicated to gathering urologists from WI and this has great value for us to interact in a comfortable, casual atmosphere with our families at least once a year. I strongly encourage you to attend this upcoming meeting and I am sure you will enjoy!

The Executive Committee of the WUS met by teleconference in autumn to begin planning our next annual meeting. We hope to reach out to more urologists state-wide with a family centered social event. Plans were based on feedback received from 2011 attendees, and are coming together well for another great event. We will feature two nationally recog-

nized speakers once again. Dr. Christopher Kane will give two presentations discussing "Robotic Radical Prostatectomy for High Risk Prostate Ca" and "Stage Migration and Practice Patterns of Kidney Cancer". Dr. Kevin McVary will speak on "LUTS, Metabolic Syndrome and Obesity" and "Androgen Hormone Replacement." There will be presentations from faculty of the MCW and the UW. We will have a Sunday morning academic session, back by popular support.

We will have a Saturday early evening reception with our corporate sponsors after the academic session. Then later Saturday evening we planned a great social event for families with a banquet at Club 1919 in Miller Park and guided tours of the facility. Will we see Prince Fielder?

The society's financial status is stable. As of September 30, 2011, our balance sheet shows a checking account balance of \$101,510, investment reserves \$176,176 and total fund balance \$277,687. For nine months ended September 30, 2011, WUS had operating surplus \$22,372. Our membership stands at 118 (115 in 2010) members and 37 (34 in 2010) senior members.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Milwaukee the weekend of March 30 – April 1. Please make your plans now to attend because distractions so often interfere at the last second. I expect this to be one of our most highly attended meetings!

**Wisconsin Medical Society Update** by James A. Wright, MD

Here are some highlights from the Wisconsin Medical Society (WMS) this past year.

Finally, the Injured Patient and Family Compensation (IPFCF) saga comes to an end. This past July, Judge Genovese ordered the state to repay the IPFCF \$233,747,081.35,

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reimbursing the \$200 million taken from the fund and, in addition, another \$33,747,081.35 in lost interest by October 1, 2011.

Another Wisconsin Supreme Court case has the attention of the WMS—Jandre v. Physicians Insurance Company of Wisconsin. In

brief, the case involves the patient, Jandre, who went to an ER where the ER physician, based on his exam, ruled out ischemic stroke and determined that the patient had Bell's palsy. Unfortunately, the patient suffered a massive CVA 11 days later. A court/jury determined that the physician was not negligent in

making the diagnosis, but negligent in failing to inform the patient that carotid Doppler ultrasound was an available test. In effect, this precedent will extend the duty of informed consent beyond the final diagnosis to other possible problems not related to the condition. The WMS filed an Amicus Brief in September in support of Physician Insurance Company

of Wisconsin, arguing that the appeals court's decision should be overturned as this will put physicians in an impossible position.

Also of interest is Assembly Bill 147 "The Apology Bill" which passed the state Assembly this fall with bipartisan support. Bill 147 would make statements of apology or condo-

lence by the healthcare provider to the patient and/or the patient's family inadmissible as evidence in court for malpractice suits. The bill now goes to the Senate for a vote after the first of the year. The bill appears to have some support; however, Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton) wants to amend the bill and water it down compared to the Assembly's version.

## Wisconsin State Government and Advocacy Update

by Tim Lytle, Government Affairs Associate

### Assembly Approves Physician Apology Bill, Senate Action Unlikely

Wisconsin Assembly Bill 147, the Physician Apology Bill, passed 63-34 on Tuesday, November 1. The bill provides that a statement or conduct of a healthcare provider that expresses an apology or responsibility to a patient or patient's relative is not admissible into evidence in a court of law.

Often included in medical liability reform discussions, this issue was addressed at the Wisconsin Urological Society (WUS) meeting, April 1 – 3, in Green Bay. WUS members expressed their support for the measure and were encouraged to contact their 2011 repre-

sentatives during the Assembly debate. These efforts ultimately played a role in convincing Assembly members that this issue was a priority worthy of passage.

State Rep. Jon Richards (D-Milwaukee) offered an amendment during the debate that would remove protections for physician statements of fault, liability and responsibility, thus leaving only apology and sympathy in the bill, but it failed and was tabled. An amendment to protect nursing homes from liability was approved in the final version of the Assembly bill.

Although the Senate is unlikely to take up debate on the bill before the legislature adjourns, passage in the Assembly is a huge victory for

physicians. It appears there are enough votes in the Senate, but also majority support for Rep. Richards' limitations. WUS members should keep pressure on the Senate to reject the amendment and approve the bill like their counterparts in the Assembly were able to do.

More than 30 states across the nation have some kind of apology law on the books. This bill aims to foster better communication when an adverse event happens. Proponents of the bill recognize the importance of an open and honest line of communication between a patient and their physician. Doctors care about their patients and shouldn't work in fear of putting that on display.

For more information on this and any other legislation, please visit [www.aacuweb.org](http://www.aacuweb.org).

## Medicaid "Right-Sizing" Underway

by Ross Weber, State Affairs Manager

After years of expansion under governors Thompson, McCallum and Doyle, Medicaid expenditures are being scaled back under Governor Scott Walker and the Legislature.

The Joint Finance Committee approved a bill November 10 to limit benefits, increase co-pays and drop enrollees who fail to pay their premium. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau projects that these changes, which require federal approval, will lead to a reduction in the rolls of

approximately 65,000 people and save \$298 million over two years.

Decried by liberal advocates, the Walker Administration highlights the fact that other states are simply kicking current enrollees out of their programs, while Wisconsin is attempting to maintain some level of coverage.

As quoted by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Health Services Secretary Dennis Smith as-

serts, "Under our approach, individuals would lose coverage only if they make the choice not to pay a fair share of their coverage...We're at least giving people a choice."

The committee did not address the \$45 million shortfall recently caused by the federal government's refusal to pay for improperly-charged costs. This matter will be considered in the 2012 session.

## Winners of the 2011 WUS Resident's Competition

### Resident's Award Certificates 2011 – Green Bay, WI

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Madison

Crystal Dover, MD

"Microsurgical Denervation of the Spermatic Cord for the Treatment of Chronic Testicular Pain: A Single-Center, Single-Surgeon Experience"

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Madison

Andre King, MD

"Impact of Immediate Repeat Transrectal Ultrasound-Guided (TRUS) Prostate Biopsy in Patients Considering Active Surveillance for Prostate Cancer"

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Milwaukee

Donald Neff, MD

"Inhibition of Endothelial Nitric Oxide Synthase (eNOS) Results in Decreased Upregulation of p21 in 253J Tumor Cells Exposed to Live Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG)"

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Milwaukee

Khanh N. Pham, MD

"Effect of Pentosan Polysulfate on Bacille-Calmette Guerin Induced CEBP and p21 Gene Expression in Urothelial Carcinoma Cells"

## Plan to Attend the 2012 WUS Annual Meeting March 30 – April 1, 2012 InterContinental Milwaukee Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The call for abstracts is open to members and non-members of the Society and we encourage all Wisconsin residents to submit a presentation for our annual Resident's Competition. The deadline to submit abstracts is noon CST on February 3, 2012.

Visit the website at [www.wisuro.com](http://www.wisuro.com) for more information.



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