

About WMS



The Wyoming Medical Society was founded in 1903 to provide representation, advocacy and service to Wyoming physicians. We strive to be an efficient, member-driven, responsive organization, capable of anticipating and responding swiftly to the changing health care environment. WMS serves our membership, and their patients, and works to improve the health of Wyoming's citizens.

The Wyoming Medical Society is, and always will be, a staunch advocate for physicians. This is our core. All of our other activities revolve around this core.

WMS ADVOCACY AGENDA

The Wyoming Medical Society pursues representation, funding and legislation to support the following industry priorities, as identified by its physician-members.

Access to Care for Wyoming Patients: The shortage of doctors is of highest concern for WMS. We support a broad package of legislation, each of which plays an important part in the effort to maintain and enhance our rural healthcare system.

Medical Liability Reform: WMS is a strong advocate for measures that will make our system more fair, predictable and timely for all involved, and ensure that patients can get the care they need in their local communities. Reasonable legal reforms supported by WMS include:

- Unlimited compensation for economic damages
- Limits on non-economic damage compensation
- Strong medical review panel
- Expert witness qualifications
- State funding support for liability premiums
- Special health courts

Future Wyoming Physicians: WMS strongly supports funding to maintain and expand the WWAMI medical education and UW Family Practice Residency programs. Both of these programs provide excellent opportunities to “grow our own” physicians and market the state to future physicians looking for a place to build their homes and practices.

Physician Reimbursement: WMS believes that period funding increases for physician Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement are imperative to ensure

MISSION STATEMENT

Advocating for Wyoming doctors and their patients.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal #1 – Voice of Medicine: Utilize the powerful, effective & unified voice of WMS to improve the physician practice environment and quality of healthcare for Wyoming patients.

Goal #2 – Member Experience: Grow membership and increase provider participation and involvement to ensure the future health of the organization.

Goal #3 – Environment and Public Awareness: Enhance the public image of WMS members by strengthening physicians' trusted leadership role in communities.

Goal #4 – Knowledge Center: Be the leader in education and training resources for physicians and physician assistants.

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that all Wyoming's patients will continue to have access to care. Reasonable reimbursement increases will help physicians cover the costs of providing care to Medicaid and Medicare patients and lessen the impacts of cost-shifting to the private sector.

Scope of Practice: WMS supports team-based care, and transparency of provider credentials within a system that recognizes physicians as leaders of the healthcare team. We oppose expanding the scope of practice for allied health practitioners through legislation rather than additional education and training because it jeopardizes patient safety.

Patient Safety: WMS believes physicians are critical players in the development of patient safety practices and standard setting for clinical safety. WMS founded the statewide annual patient safety in 2012 and is dedicated to continuing the journey of integrating all aspects of healthcare and healthcare providers to create the safest environment possible for Wyoming patients.

State Regulatory Affairs: In addition to the work that WMS does on behalf of members at the Capitol in Cheyenne, we are active in the regulatory side of government, providing oversight to promulgation of rules and regulations within agencies such as the Wyoming Department of Health, Wyoming Board of Medicine and Board of Pharmacy, to name just a few.

State ACA Implementation Oversight: WMS is actively engaged in ensuring that aspects of the ACA that Wyoming state officials elect to implement are done so with attention focused on physician perspectives, needs and concerns.

Public Health: WMS continues proactive efforts to address the prescription drug abuse epidemic, encourage seat belt use, and actively pursue tobacco cessation.

Medicaid Reform: WMS remains actively engaged in discussions within state government to reform Wyoming's Medicaid program. WMS believes physicians are some of the most valuable resources as the state considers various methods of coordinated care or 1115 waiver designs.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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WMS Membership Benefits



The Wyoming Medical Society provides members with valuable membership services, discounts, legislative advocacy, public health promotion, and a strong voice of representation across a wide mix of state and federal programs.

- Effective leadership
- Strong, successful legislative advocacy
- Medical liability reform efforts
- Discounts with WMS Preferred Vendors, including 5% off medical malpractice insurance with The Doctors Company (TDC)
- CME opportunities

RELEVANT & TIMELY COMMUNICATION

- WMS newsletters & issue updates provide accurate and up to the minute information on critical health care issues.
- Website provides a wealth of up to date information and interactive communication.
An exclusive Members Only section provides more detailed information for WMS members.
- Tailored information sent to members to meet specific communication needs.
- Quarterly reports updating members on the activity of the Board of Trustees
- Wyoming Medicine magazine published bi-annually to inform members of important issues, educate the public about important medical topics and improve the image of medicine in Wyoming.
- Annual meeting offering CME opportunities, discussion about relevant health care topics, and networking with like-minded professionals

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Mountain Pacific
Quality Health

UW Family Practice
Residency Programs

Wyoming Association of
Physician Assistants (WAPA)

Wyoming Health Resources
Network (WHRN)

Wyoming Hospital
Association

Wyoming WWAMI Medical
Education Program

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PREFERRED VENDOR

The Doctors Company is the exclusively endorsed medical malpractice carrier for the Wyoming Medical Society. Founded by doctors for doctors, The Doctors Company has been defending, protecting, and rewarding doctors for over 25 years.

Dray, Dyekman, Reed & Healey, P.C. has worked with physicians for over 30 years to find creative, effective solutions to complex business, regulatory, and information privacy and security issues in the healthcare industry. The firm's lawyers are members of the American Health Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association and Wyoming State Bar health law sections, and the American Society of Medical Association Counsel. The firm's lawyers frequently speak and publish articles on healthcare issues for industry organization in Wyoming.

RBC Wealth Management has been selected by the Wyoming Medical Society as the preferred vendor and provider of wealth services for Wyoming Medical Society members.

The Office Assistant has been in operation since 1996 and is owned by Amy Hayes, MBA, CCS, CCS-P, CHA, CMBS. OA offers all varieties of "back office" services to Wyoming clinics and medical practices. Since inception OA has developed into a company that offers state-of-the-art professional auditing, coding and billing services.

OfficeDepot and **TechDepot**

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Wyoming Medical society members qualify for a 5% premium discount.

Senior partner Nick Healey, JD serves as legal counsel to the Wyoming Medical Society and offers special agreements available only to WMS members.

The Pedersen Group offers physicians and other medical professionals comprehensive financial planning that integrates investments, strategic use of credit, insurance, tax considerations and more.

The Office Assistant is the preferred vendor for Wyoming Medical Society members with special discounts available to WMS members for ICD-10 coding services and much more.

Discounts are available to WMS members for office supplies and technology devices.



Become a WMS Member



Joining your Wyoming colleagues as part of the Wyoming Medical Society is easier than ever with three enrollment options:

- Complete and submit this form using the envelope provided.
- Apply online at <http://www.wyomed.org/user/register>.
- Call the WMS office at 307-635-2424.

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE WYOMING MEDICAL SOCIETY!

Name _____ MD/DO/PA

Specialty _____ DOB _____

Practice name _____ Office manager _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Practice address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Medical education _____ Date of graduation _____

Wyoming license number _____ Date obtained _____

First year practicing medicine _____ First year practicing medicine in Wyoming _____

Spouse's name _____ Spouse's email _____

Please list two physician references:

1. Name _____ Phone _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS, DUES & RATES

No money is due at the time of enrollment; simply select the membership features most appropriate for you.

- Physician Membership – \$475**
Join the WMS and support our efforts to advocate for Wyoming physicians and their patients. (Open to MDs and DOs only)
- Physician Assistant Membership – \$50 x _____**
Your healthcare team's voice is stronger when Physician Assistants participate. (PAs may join as individuals, or practices may purchase memberships for staff PAs at \$50/each.)
- American Medical Association Membership – \$420**
Your participation at the state AND national level can truly help shape the future of medicine. (Establishing your AMA membership through WMS helps our organization via a commission structure.)
- County Medical Society – \$ _____**
County dues are individually set by each county medical society.*

OTHER RECOMMENDED DUES

- WYOPAC – \$100 Membership**
- WYOPAC – \$250 Capitol Club Membership**
- WYOPAC – \$500 Inner Circle Membership**
WYOPAC, the Wyoming Medical Society's Political Action Committee, fights for Wyoming physicians by helping to elect state and federal candidates who support the WMS policy agenda. By electing legislators who will reduce the cumbersome regulations that inhibit the practice of medicine, our lobbyists can help enact meaningful reform for the health care industry. Please visit www.wyomed.org/wyopac for more information and a full list of membership opportunities and benefits.‡
- CME Tracking Service – \$50**
WMS is able to document and submit CME hours for the Wyoming Board of Medicine's CME requirements, specialty societies, and the AMA.
- AMA Foundation Contribution – \$25**
Give for the future by supporting students in the WWAMI medical education program at the University of Wyoming, or another designated cause.
- Centennial Scholarship Fund – \$ _____**
Support Wyoming's future by donating to the WMS scholarship fund dedicated to helping first year WWAMI students and outstanding WWAMI graduates.

TAX INFORMATION

Wyoming Medical Society and AMA dues are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes, but may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses, excluding the portion used for association lobbying activities. WMS estimates that 15% of your 2014 WMS dues are not deductible because of lobbying activities on behalf of its members. AMA estimates that 55% of your 2014 AMA dues are not deductible because of lobbying activities on behalf of its members.

** Annual county dues are as follows: Natrona - \$125; Campbell - \$100; Sheridan - \$75; Albany, Carbon, Laramie, Sweetwater - \$50; Uinta - \$45; Fremont - \$40; Northwestern, Teton - \$25; Goshen - \$15; Converse, Johnson, Northeastern, Platte - \$0*

‡ Because WYOPAC dues are used to contribute to the campaigns of political candidates, payment of this portion of your dues may not be made using a corporate check or credit card. WYOPAC is not affiliated with the American Medical Association (AMA) or the American Medical Political Action Committee

