

# Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine

*A Chapter of American Society of Addiction Medicine*

## OCTOBER 2020

### President's Message

Dear Fellow Members of WISAM,

This has been a challenging year for everyone; some would say unprecedented. Despite these challenges, the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine has remained focused and steadfast in its mission to improve the care and treatment of people with the disease of addiction and to advance the practice of addiction medicine.



While scheduled in-person buprenorphine X-waiver trainings had to be cancelled in March and April, WISAM was able to pivot to a live webinar format using the Zoom platform by May to be able to continue to provide the complimentary X-Waiver training series with Grant-Funding from Wisconsin DHS using a Zoom format. In fact, WISAM has still been able to provide 10 total buprenorphine X-Waiver training sessions in 2020, the last of which is scheduled to be delivered on November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating in the final Live Webinar Buprenorphine X-Waiver Training for 2020, please visit the WISAM Website at <http://wisam-asam.com/XWaiver> to register. In addition to the X-Waiver trainings provided through this grant, WISAM partnered with Ascension Saint Joseph's Hospital in Milwaukee and with the Medical College of Wisconsin Family Medicine Residency Program to apply for a second grant (that was fully funded) through Wisconsin DHS to provide a separate Buprenorphine X-Waiver training for providers and residents who would participate in a novel consult service to initiate medications for opioid use disorder for hospitalized patients with a moderate or severe opioid use disorder.

In addition to the buprenorphine X-Waiver series, WISAM was slated to provide its annual in-person conference in early October, which out of necessity due to the ongoing pandemic, was also cancelled in favor of a virtual option. A big Thank You to the Conference Committee Chair, Ted Hall, and Co-Chair, Melissa Milne, for all of their hard work to pivot the WISAM Annual Conference to a three session virtual series which has so far been very successful. The last series session will be held on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 between 1-5 PM following WISAM's Annual Business Meeting (which will also be virtual). If you are still interested in participating in the entire series, or in the last live webinar session, the presentations will all be available for CME viewing as recorded sessions through the Conference Series Registration site at [http://wisam-asam.com/WISAM\\_Conference](http://wisam-asam.com/WISAM_Conference).

WISAM has also partnered with the American College of Medical Toxicology to provide WISAM members with a discounted rate for their annual conference to be held as a virtual conference in February of 2021. If you are interested learning more about this conference or to register for the conference, you can obtain more information through the WISAM

website at <http://wisam-asam.com/event-4004344>.

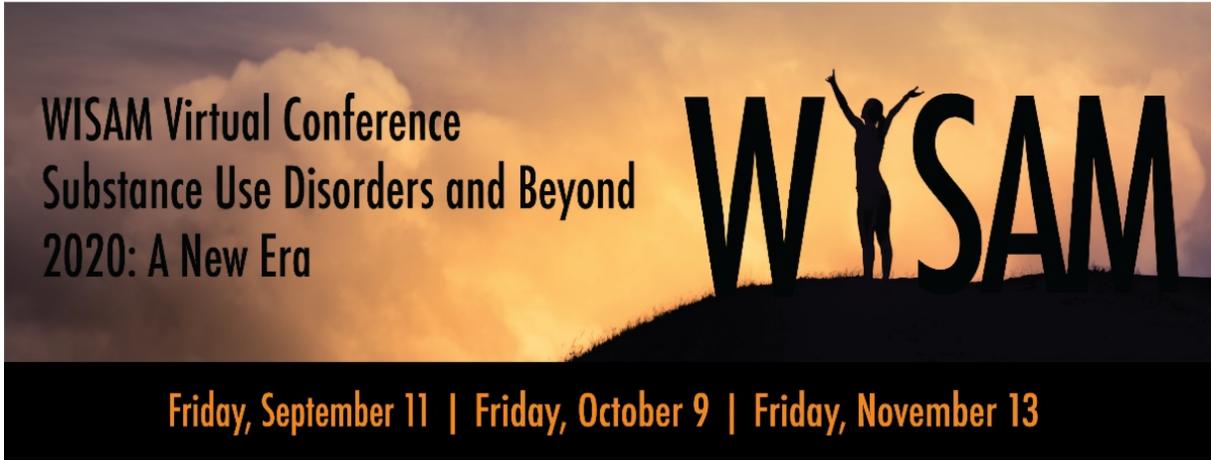
In addition to ensuring continued education for providers in Wisconsin, WISAM leadership has worked closely with the Wisconsin Medical Society, the American Society of Addiction Medicine, and Wisconsin State leadership to ensure that patients with an opioid use disorder continue to be able to receive care through Opioid Treatment Programs without placing staff or patients at unnecessary risk for infection with COVID-19.

As mentioned previously, the Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine's annual membership business meeting will be held as a virtual meeting prior to the final Annual Conference Series Session on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 between noon and 12:45 PM. All current members of the Society are invited to join the WISAM Board to learn more about the current state of the Society. Information regarding the annual business and membership meeting can be found on WISAM's website at <http://wisam-asam.com/event-3959318>.

As a final reminder to all, WISAM supports Vote Safe Wisconsin 2020 and encourages all members and the public to exercise their right to vote by voting absentee, voting early, and by using a mask, appropriate hand washing and sanitation, and social distancing at the polls. Stay safe out there by adhering to public health recommendations during the current and ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Sincerely,  
David Galbis-Reig, M.D., DFASAM, President

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A banner for the WISAM Virtual Conference. The background is a sunset over a hill with a silhouette of a person with arms raised. The text on the left reads "WISAM Virtual Conference Substance Use Disorders and Beyond 2020: A New Era". The text on the right reads "Friday, September 11 | Friday, October 9 | Friday, November 13".

**WISAM Virtual Conference  
Substance Use Disorders and Beyond  
2020: A New Era**

**WISAM**

**Friday, September 11 | Friday, October 9 | Friday, November 13**

**Register today for the final live session!**

We hope you were able to join us for the first two days of the virtual conferences series, in September and October. The final day of the series is Friday, November 13 and we hope you plan to attend LIVE! Each session is recorded and made available for viewing on our website. Register today for the final conference date and to access the recordings.

You can find more information on the series dates and schedule by [visiting our website](#).

**REGISTER HERE**

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## Upcoming Events

### **WISAM Annual Membership/ Business Meeting**

All WISAM members are invited and encouraged to attend the annual membership meeting which will be held on Friday, November 13 starting at noon. [Click here](#) for more information and to RSVP.

## Final Buprenorphine X-Wavier Training Webinar

WISAM's 2020 X-Waiver Training Series is coming to an end and the final course offering will be on Tuesday, November 17 via Zoom. All eligible prescribers in the state of WI are welcome to register for this free training. [Click here](#) for more information and to register. Zoom details will be emailed after registration confirmation.

## Introduction to the Bucket Approach Training

This series of two, 60-minute webinars starts with building the case for the need for behavioral health clinicians to address tobacco use and describing evidence-based tobacco interventions for the general public. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## ACMT Total Tox Course

The 2021 ACMT Total Tox Course is a comprehensive review of the scope of emergency toxicology and will include cutting-edge interventions and management options for poisoned patients. Prominent experts in medical toxicology and emergency medicine will lead the course. WISAM members receive a discounted rate, [register here](#) for one, two or all three days in February 2021.

## Wisconsin Doctor Day

Whether you're a seasoned veteran or brand new to the legislative process, attending Doctor Day will provide you with advocacy tools and skills to make your voices heard. [Sign up today](#) and join colleagues from all across Wisconsin at the Capitol on May 5, 2021.

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## News

### ASAM Partners with ACOG to Provide X-Waiver Courses

[Click here](#) for the full article.

### CDC COCA Call: Leveraging Existing Resources to Meet the Challenges Faced by People Who Use Drugs or Who Have Substance Use Disorders During the COVID-19 Pandemic

[Click here](#) for the full article.

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## WISAM Joins Vote Safe Wisconsin 2020 Coalition

We committed to sharing with our community partners about encouraging safe voting. We encourage you to vote absentee, early, or with a mask and social distance at the polls! Join us and learn more: <https://www.wpha.org/mpage/VoteSafeWisconsin2020>



## Virtual Exhibit Hall

WISAM 2020 Virtual Exhibit Hall

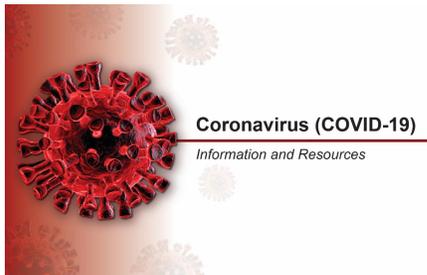
Analogous to having display booths at a conference, this space offers companies an opportunity to share information about their products and services, showcase their latest innovations, and connect with addiction medicine physicians and other addiction medicine providers. Please visit our exhibit "booths" to learn about products and services that could enhance your practice knowledge and accelerate your research.



Are you interested in finding out more or securing a space in the WISAM 2020 VEH? [Click here.](#)

[VEH Webpage](#)

## COVID-19 Resources



WISAM's [COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage has national and state news, updates and other resources including mental health information.

[ASAM's website](#) is another great tool and includes information from the CPDC Task Force made up of national experts.

## Helpful Links

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