

# Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine

*A Chapter of American Society of Addiction Medicine*



## President's Message

Dear WISAM Members,

Our 2018 Annual Conference is next week and I look forward to seeing many of you in Madison. If you haven't yet registered, it's not too late!

The conference offers two outstanding events in one. Thursday/Friday is the main conference featuring keynote presentations, interactive workshops covering a wide variety of topics, and plenty of time for socialization and networking. Then on Saturday, we're holding a day of clinical skills-building workshops to hone our skills in the use of buprenorphine and naltrexone in the treatment of alcohol and opioid use disorders, including the ASAM-approved x-DEA waiver course. Please join us!

Our monthly teleconference series will resume on Thursday October 25th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Mark your calendars to participate, and stay tuned for more information.

Matt Felgus, MD, WISAM President

## Rally for Recovery at the Capitol, Sept 22

Gov. Scott Walker has designated September as a month to celebrate Recovery in Wisconsin. Join us this, Saturday, Sept 22, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the State Capitol for the 5th annual Rally for Recovery (and to enjoy the Farmer's Market!).

The Rally is hosted by Wisconsin Voices for Recovery, a state-wide, peer-run recovery and advocacy organization housed at UW Department of Family Medicine and Community Health.

The Rally brings together hundreds of Wisconsinites to celebrate the joys of recovery, honor those we have lost to addiction and their family members, and to educate the public about addiction as a medical, treatable condition. This year's theme, *Community Resilience: Recovering Together*, is perfectly aligned with efforts focused on advancing community health. [Learn more.](#)

## Call for Award Nominees

The American Society of Addiction Medicine is seeking nominations for:

- The 2019 John P. McGovern, ASAM Annual Award, and
- The ASAM Media Award

Awards will be presented at the ASAM 50th Annual Conference in Orlando, FL in April 2019. Members are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals for these awards.

Nomination submissions are being accepted through the [ASAM Online Portal](#) on or before October 31st . To be eligible for consideration, all nominations must be submitted electronically. A separate nomination form for each nominee and/or award is required.

## **FDA: Immediate-Release Opioids Now Under REMS**

*September 18, MedPage Today*

The FDA said Tuesday that it is [broadening its Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy \(REMS\) for opioids](#) to include immediate-release agents prescribed for outpatients, and will cover all "providers who are involved in the management of patients with pain" -- not just those writing prescriptions.

But although the agency is requiring opioid manufacturers to create new training modules for nonprescribers, and that cover immediate-release products, the training will remain voluntary for professionals.

The broadened REMS will also apply to extended-release and long-acting (ER/LA) opioids for outpatient use, for which the FDA first imposed a REMS in 2012. The agency noted that Tuesday's action raises the number of individual products subject to the opioid REMS from 62 to 347.

"Our aim is to make sure the medical community can take advantage of the available education on pain management and safe use of opioid analgesic products," said FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, MD, in announcing the changes.

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