

**Luke Goddard, MD**

**Personal Statement – WMS Open Trustee**

I'm excited to accept the nomination to run for open Trustee of the Wyoming Medical Society. With all of the changes that have occurred through the Wyoming legislature during my time in practice, I realized that I could either sit back and complain or try to get involved and influence change. I view this position as a great opportunity to do just that. Areas that I view as especially important for physicians in Wyoming are continued scope of practice creep, patient access, and legislative interference with patient care. I hope to be able to help WMS continue to advocate on behalf of physicians in the state on these issues and more.

A little bit about me; I was raised on a ranch outside of Buffalo. I attended the University of Wyoming to receive my undergraduate degree. I was then fortunate enough to be able to be part of the WWAMI Program and attend the University of Washington. I finished my training in Emergency Medicine at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Eight years ago I joined the staff at Sheridan Memorial Hospital as a physician in the Emergency Department. I have been involved in several leadership positions at the hospital including peer review, director of the Emergency Department, and currently as Vice Chief of Staff. Through those positions I have had the rewarding opportunity to be part of several changes that have brought improved patient care and increased satisfaction of physicians and other hospital staff. Then several years ago I was able to join the staff at Johnson County Healthcare Center in Buffalo on a part time basis to help provide emergency care. The opportunity to serve the community I grew up in has been amazing.

I spend my days off helping my wife, Marcia, and three boys, Ian, Andrew, and Isaiah on our cattle ranch north of Buffalo. I appreciate your support.