

# WMS MEMBER NEWS

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## WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### Improving Patient Care CME Offered

The Wyoming Department of Health (DOH) has partnered with Comagine Health to provide in-person training on September 3, 2025 for Wyoming physicians and PAs to improve pain management and prescribing practices.

**Title**: Improving Patient Care: Pain Management, Prescribing Practices, and Linkages to Care for Wyoming Clinicians

#### Cheyenne Training:

- Date and time: September 3, 2025 from 10am-1pm MT
- Location: Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, 214 E. 23rd St Cheyenne, WY 82001 Room number: Auditorium A and B

#### Casper Training:

- Date and time: September 3, 2025 from 4pm-7pm MT
- Location: Community Health Centers of Central Wyoming 5000 Blackmore Rd, Casper, WY 82609

#### Presenters:

Dr. Melissa Cheng is a board-certified addiction medicine doctor. Dr. Craig Uthe is a board-certified family physician and member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine Doctors.

#### Topics include:

- Introduction to the 2022 CDC Clinical Practice Guidelines for Safe Opioid Prescribing
- Overcoming Challenges in Chronic Pain Management for Opioid-Dependent Patients: The Neurobiology of Addiction
- Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- The Role of Buprenorphine in the Clinical Setting

The training will also feature resources and training opportunities related to Wyoming-specific programs like Recover Wyoming and the Plans of Safe Care Initiative. Comagine Health, accredited by ACCME, designates this live event for up to 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Registration is free.

**REGISTER HERE** 

### Fentanyl Test Kits & Naloxone

Fentanyl test kits are available at no cost and will be shipped to a physical address within Wyoming. Each fentanyl test kit includes five (5) fentanyl test strips, a 10 mg scoop, and a 5 ml test receptacle to make testing easier and more accurate. Please note: kits <u>cannot</u> be shipped to a P.O. Box. More information is available via the <u>Department of Health Website</u> or you may <u>COMPLETE THE</u> <u>ORDER FORM ONLINE</u>.

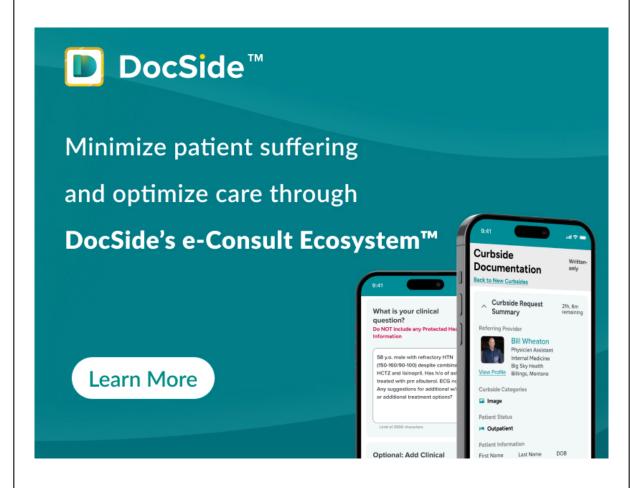
**Naloxone**, a life-saving medication that can reverse opioid overdoses, is also available at no cost to organizations and entities throughout Wyoming. For more information on ordering naloxone, <u>CLICK</u> HERE.

# WYOMING BOARD OF MEDICINE

#### Scam Alert

As recently as August 1st, Wyoming physicians and physician assistants are being subjected to phony "license investigation" threats. The caller ID phone number is spoofed to look like the call is coming from the Board of Medicine office. The caller claims the licensee is the subject of a confidential investigation, sometimes involving controlled substances. The caller threatens action against the licensee's license, including making the false allegations public, unless the licensee cooperates. The caller also tells the licensee that the investigation is so confidential, only one or two employees at the Board office are aware of it

These calls are a complete scam. If you receive a call like this, try to get the name of the person who is calling, then hang up and immediately call the Board of Medicine office at 307-778-7053. The staff at the Board of Medicine will gladly help you verify the legitimacy of any communication you receive that purports to be from the Board of Medicine.



# **UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

### The Art and History of Medicine

You are invited to join UW faculty, staff, and alumni this fall on an exploration of the art and history of medicine in London and Paris. Walk through neighborhoods, museums, and famous sites with a focus on developing a deep understanding of the history and culture, particularly as they relate to the development of modern medicine.

**CLICK FOR MORE DETAILS** 

## WMS UPDATES AND NEWS

### **WWAMI Admissions Committee Opening**

The WWAMI Admissions Committee is excited to announce an open position. If you are interested in applying, we encourage you to do so. Please make sure to submit your application by the deadline of **August 11, 2025**.

The Wyoming Admissions Committee consists of four Wyoming-based physicians who are appointed to staggered three-year terms, with the possibility of serving an additional three years.

Committee members are tasked with interviewing Wyoming applicants who meet specific academic qualifications for medical school admission. These interviews take place over one week in January, February, or early March. The interview process begins on Sunday afternoon and concludes the following Friday afternoon. If needed, the University of Washington covers travel and lodging expenses during the interview period. MORE INFORMATION

WWAMI Admissions Application Form

#### WMS Physician of the Year

Dr. Michael Jording of Newcastle was named the 2025 Physician of the Year, honoring his decades of dedicated service, leadership in rural healthcare, and contributions to Wyoming medicine. A board-certified family physician, Dr. Jording is celebrated for his clinical excellence, mentorship, and advocacy.

In 2003 and in celebration of the Wyoming Medical Society's 100 year anniversary, Dr. Jording established the <u>Centennial Scholarship Fund</u> to support Wyoming WWAMI medical students, and he later played a key role in launching the WAFP Medical Student Scholarship. His passion for

supporting future generations of physicians is evident in his long-standing commitment to medical education and mentorship.

Read more about Dr. Jording...



Please join us a this year's *President's Black-Tie Gala* to honor and celebrate Dr. Jording. Registration for the WMS Annual meeting includes one ticket for the gala or if interested, you may purchase a table for the evening's event.

Register for the Annual Meeting & President's Black-Tie Gala



# **WMS Partner Updates**

## Wyoming Telehealth Network

The Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN) supports healthcare entities, providers, and specialists to increase access to care and improve health outcomes for Wyomingites, through professional development, collaboration, and leveraging of telecommunications technology. Click the image below for the most recent newsletter.



## Dr. James Bush Award

The Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN) is currently accepting nominations for this year's Dr. James Bush Award for Excellence in Telehealth!

This annual award was established in 2022 to recognize a telehealth champion in Wyoming who has accomplished outstanding work in the field of telehealth, including helping to remove barriers to implementation and adoption, innovative programs and activities, technology, patient and/or provider support, education, and training.

The deadline for nominations is August 25, 2025 and the form can be accessed HERE.

## Thank You Friends of WMS



































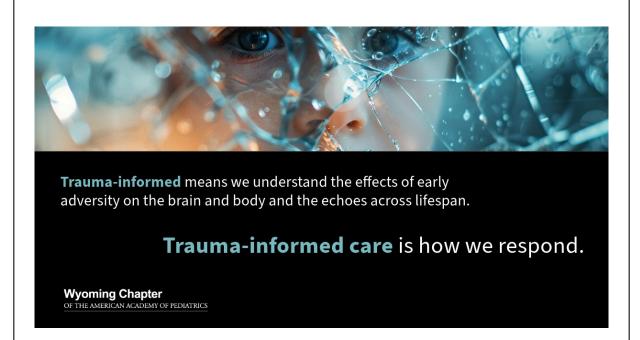












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