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A promotional graphic for the WACEP 2019 Spring Symposium. The top half has an orange background with the text 'Emergency Medicine: Where the Rubber Meets the Road' in white. Below that, it says 'WACEP 2019 Spring Symposium' in white. The bottom half has a dark, textured background with the text 'April 3-4, 2019 Harley-Davidson Museum, Milwaukee WI' in white.

A promotional graphic for the Wisconsin Emergency Medicine PAC. It features the letters 'ER' in large blue font, followed by a red ECG line. Below that, it says 'Wisconsin Emergency Medicine PAC' in blue. At the bottom, it says 'Donate Today!' in red.

A promotional graphic for advertising with WACEP. It has a light blue background with the text 'Advertise with WACEP' in dark blue. Below that, it says 'Learn more today!' in a smaller, lighter blue font.

President's Message, December 2018



Lisa Maurer, MD, WACEP President

In keeping with essentially every organization providing a year-end countdown list, I would love to finish my last president's message with a "Top-5 Chief Complaints" list and describe what WACEP is doing as an organization to improve each one of them for our physician members. Think of me as Casey Kasem reading off the chief complaints as they populate into your tracking board.

#5. "Spider monkeys have moved into my living room." Yes, you guessed it, there are no spider monkeys. Not to make light of the frequent psychiatric crises that we stabilize. Frustrating part? It takes us so long to connect these patients in crisis to the definitive and specialized care they need and deserve. WACEP has worked all year long with the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association to work towards a streamlined process of medical stabilization. A white paper reflecting best practices for our state will be released soon, and this task force between our two organizations will keep chipping away at the small problems that build up an amount to major delays. In the meantime, check out the [SMART protocol](#), which included in this group's conclusions for best practices. [Read more.](#)

Alternatives to Opioids Have Arrived in Wisconsin



Bobby Redwood, MD, MPH, FACEP

The WACEP opioid task force has been very active in 2018, working with key stakeholders across Wisconsin to explore and develop opportunities to stem the tide of opioid-related morbidity and mortality in our state. One key initiative has been the development of the [WACEP Alternatives to Opioids \(ALTO\) Pathways](#). The WACEP ALTO Pathways provide a roadmap for emergency physicians to treat a variety of acute pain syndromes using a multi-modal, receptor-based approach to analgesia. Using the ALTO approach, opioids are reserved as a rescue therapy with a goal of exposing fewer ED patients to this dangerous and addictive class of medications. [Read more.](#)

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Statewide EMS Protocols - An Update from NAESMP-WI



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There have been many questions generated over the discussion that Wisconsin EMS is headed towards universal statewide protocols. This is a 180 degree turn in the historical decentralized, or "home rule" philosophy for Wisconsin. However, I ask you to join me in anticipating a positive change.

The resource document for the developing protocols, or perhaps more correctly termed patient care guidelines, is an excellent evidence-based project supported by the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO). If you have never visited their [website](#), please do... the site is home for other EMS projects including the Compass Project, the Fatigue in EMS project, and Naloxone Evidence-Based Guidelines. [Read more.](#)

Spring Symposium Registration is Open

"Emergency Medicine: Where the Rubber Meets the Road" is the theme for Wisconsin ACEP's 2019 Spring Symposium & Annual Emergency Medicine Research Forum, scheduled to take place April 3-4, 2019 at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. [Online registration](#) is open!



Approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™, the WACEP 2019 conference will kick off at noon on Wednesday, April 3 with an open Q&A forum over lunch, immediately followed by a plenary session that will walk attendees through the process of initiating medications for opioid addiction treatment in the ED. Attendees will then have the option between an MAT/ALTO workshop, or a leadership forum specifically for ED directors and emerging EM leaders. Wednesday's dinner presentation will feature ACEP Immediate Past President, Paul Kivela, MD,

Thursday's program features several sessions back by popular demand, including: 2018 LLSA articles workshop that will help attendees prepare for the ABEM-required exam; Hot Topics in Emergency Medicine round-table discussions featuring a variety of timely topics; hands-on Ultrasound workshop; and optimizing antibiotic stewardship.

WACEP is proud to continue its partnership with the UW and MCW Emergency Medicine Programs by offering the annual Emergency Medicine Research Forum on Thursday morning during the conference. The Forum will feature both poster and

oral presentations and showcase the great research being done across our state. In the lunchtime general session on Wednesday, Daniel Spaite, MD from the University of Arizona will present on new findings in traumatic brain injury management.

Afternoon sessions on Thursday will include a session led by Edwin Leap, MD on doing more with less; updates in managing and treating agitation; sex trafficking and what to look for; optimizing antibiotic stewardship; and more. [Register today!](#)

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