Wisconsin Medical Society applauds continued HOPE agenda efforts

Statement attributable to Jerry Halverson, MD, Wisconsin Medical Society president

“Undoubtedly one of the most urgent concerns facing health care right now is opioid misuse and abuse. The Wisconsin Medical Society was an ardent supporter of last session’s successful HOPE legislation, and while that’s a great start, we must do more.

“As physicians, we see the firsthand the devastating impact of heroin and opioid addiction, and we take the tremendous responsibility we have of prescribing opioids very seriously. That’s why the Society not only welcomes the opportunity to work closely with Rep. John Nygren and all policymakers on this issue, but we also have convened a task force to further shape and focus our efforts around physician education and public awareness.

“Like so many issues that impact the health of our patients, fighting this epidemic requires a true team effort.”

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