



# Wyoming Hospital Association

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Informational Newsletter for Wyoming Hospitals

**Save The Date**

**WHA Annual Meeting & Convention  
September 5-6, 2018  
Laramie, WY**

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## Wyoming Trauma/EMS Conference

The 48th Annual Wyoming Trauma and EMS Conference is set for August 22-25 at the Little America Hotel and Resort in Cheyenne.

The Wyoming Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), which is part of the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), hosts the popular event.

“Our conference is Wyoming’s largest event focused on emergency medical and trauma care,” said Andy Gienapp, WDH OEMS manager. “Each year we see between 300 and 400 individuals attend.”

Featured presenters include:

- Dr. Jon Khromer, director of the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration’s Office of EMS
- Steve Berry, paramedic, humorist and artist behind the industry-popular I’m Not an Ambulance Driver cartoons

- Austin Collie, former wide receiver for the New England Patriots. Collie will share his experiences with recovering from concussions resulting from his professional football career, and his current work with athletes in concussion prevention

“We see the conference as an opportunity for Wyoming’s emergency care providers to learn, network and celebrate each other,” Gienapp said. “Social events, vendors, static displays of emergency equipment, as well as an EMS competition that allows Wyoming’s emergency teams to demonstrate their skills are all on tap this year.”

The annual event provides four days of continuing education for EMTs, paramedics, emergency physicians and nurses, and others who work in emergency healthcare settings in Wyoming and other states.

Learning opportunities range from emergency stroke and cardiac care to caring for the severely injured person, to caring for those experiencing behavioral health emergencies.

For more information, please visit <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/ems/conferences/> or contact the Office of EMS at 307-777-7955.

WHA Calendar	
WHA Golf Tournament Laramie	9/4
WHA Annual Meeting & Convention Laramie	9/5-9/6

**PAC CONTRIBUTORS 2018**

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**Annual Goal \$8500**



## WHA Annual Meeting & Convention

Plans are well under way for the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting & Convention.

This year’s meeting will be held September 5-6 in Laramie at the University of Wyoming Rochelle Center.

There is a block of rooms reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn. The block is only being held until August 13th. The phone number is 307-745-5500.

This year’s golf tournament will be held September 4th at the Jacoby Golf course.

Meeting materials will be made available within the next couple of weeks. Check our website for updates [www.wyohospitals.com](http://www.wyohospitals.com) or call 307-632-9344.



## Evanston Physician Selected to National Council

Local board-certified pediatrician Bird Gilmartin, MD FAAP was selected to join the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Executive Committee.

The national Council on Child Abuse and Neglect is dedicated to improving the care and outcomes of infants, children and adolescents through the prevention, identification, management and treatment of child abuse and neglect. “Encountering child abuse

and neglect is so heartbreaking, but pediatricians play an important role in identifying and preventing the mistreatment of children,” says Dr. Gilmartin. “By serving on this national council, I hope to support other pediatricians and healthcare providers in identifying and managing the medical care of abused children. I also aspire to build policies that provide appropriate care and support to children and families. This is in addition to building existing partnerships here in Uinta County with agencies, police,

schools, and others who are all dedicated to protecting our children.”

“The addition of Dr. Gilmartin and Dr. Brown, two dedicated, board-certified pediatricians to our community is so important to building a healthy and safe community,” says Jeremy Davis, CEO of Evanston Regional Hospital. “Dr. Gilmartin’s leadership around identifying and preventing child abuse both locally and nationally is an immense resource for our community.”

## Patient and Family Engagement Fair

Please join us on July 26th in Cody, Wyoming at a collaborative event on Patient and Family Engagement.

Cody Regional Health, Wyoming Hospital Association and Mountain-Pacific Quality Health encourage your participation and engagement with information for patients, families or healthcare workers.

Tables are available for healthcare organizations or

vendors to promote telehealth, health information exchange or patient access to health and wellness tools including patient portals.

Patient- and family-centered care is an approach to the planning, delivery and evaluation of health care grounded in mutually beneficial partnerships among patients, families and health care professionals.

These partnerships at the clinical, program and policy levels are essential to assur-

ing the quality and safety of health care.

The event is Thursday, July 26th 2018 at the Cody Regional Health – Baker Education Center at 707 Sheridan Ave. in Cody, WY. Speaking engagement begins at 9:30 am and is repeated at 1:30 pm. The vendor fair will be from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

For more information contact Annalea Avery at 307-578-2338 or [aavery@codyregionalhealth.org](mailto:aavery@codyregionalhealth.org)

**Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight**

## Certificate Surcharge to Boost Child Abuse Prevention

With an aim of boosting child abuse prevention, Vital Statistics Services (VSS) will resume collecting an added \$5 surcharge for many of its services beginning July 1.

VSS is part of the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) and is the

only source for Wyoming’s official certificates. VSS will again start collecting a \$5 dollar surcharge for birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates and related searches. The surcharge expired in the past year, but was recently renewed by the Wyoming Legislature.

The money collected will benefit the Wyoming Children’s Trust Fund, which is a board appointed by Wyoming’s governor.

For more information on the Wyoming Children’s Trust Fund please visit their website at [www.wyctf.org](http://www.wyctf.org) or call (307) 214-6962.

