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Register for the June Payer Forum and submit your questions for the September Forum

Members are invited to login and submit their questions [here](#).

Questions that were submitted by May 1, 2018, will be discussed at the June 18 meeting. As a reminder, there will not be a conference call option this year. Please plan to attend in-person. Registration includes electronic materials and lunch.

June 18, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
UW Health at the American Center

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Submit your questions for the September Payer Forum [here](#). Questions for the September Forum are due August 1, 2018.

Barriers to Effective Communication

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To ensure an effective physician-patient relationship and provide quality care, you must be able to communicate with your patients. Physicians may encounter difficulties in three situations: when a patient is hard of hearing, has limited English proficiency, or is illiterate. Federal law requires physicians to make reasonable accommodations for hard of hearing and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) patients. If proper accommodations are not afforded to these individuals, serious consequences, including medical professional liability lawsuits, can occur.



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May 8 Panel: Treating an Epidemic: Solutions and Challenges in Overcoming the Opioid Crisis

Wisconsin continues to grapple with the opioid epidemic. Emergency departments in the state saw suspected opioid overdoses more than double between July 2016 and last September, according to recent federal data. While Wisconsin has taken steps to fight the crisis, more work remains. A Wisconsin Health News panel will take a closer look at the challenges facing those seeking treatment and how to boost access.

Panelists include:

- Paul Krupski, Director of Opioid Initiatives, Department of Health Services
- Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette
- Andrew Whitacre, Senior Associate, Pew Charitable Trusts
- Dr. Aleksandra Zgierska, Assistant Professor, UW Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

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