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## **THE WISCONSIN SURGICAL SOCIETY: Key Legislative Priorities**

### **Policies important for patient protection and surgery include:**

- Secure public funding for Wisconsin's Trauma System
- Adoption of the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
- Ensure patients have adequate post-operative and post-injury pain control while protecting against addiction, <https://www.facs.org/about-ac/s/statements/100-opioid-abuse>
- Protect physician-patient relationship from burdensome requirements
- Maintain professional self-regulation and quality standards utilizing Maintenance of Certification

### **Raise Minimum Age to Purchase Tobacco**

Support legislation to raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco and vapor products from 18 to 21 years old. The legislation will help steer young adults from trying and becoming addicted to tobacco products, which will unquestionably help to avoid diseases such as cancer, heart disease, asthma, and stroke to name just a few. Ninety-five percent of adults who smoke started this deadly addiction before the age of 21. The Centers for Disease control characterizes smoking and tobacco use as the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Currently eight states – California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Virginia have enacted legislation that raises the age to purchase tobacco products to 21 years old.

### **Support AB422 and SB364**

### **Stop the Bleed Campaign**

Recommend introduction of legislation to install public trauma bleeding control kits in public buildings and schools and require Stop the Bleed® training for school personnel. An initiative of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and US DOD, the Stop the Bleed® campaign aims to train more professional first responders and civilian immediate responders to mass casualty events in the essential techniques of bleeding control. [www.bleedingcontrol.com](http://www.bleedingcontrol.com). Stop the Bleed school programs have been implemented in the states of Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Indiana and Texas have enacted legislation to install bleeding control kits in schools and require school personnel training.

### **Recommend Legislation for Installation of Public Trauma Kits and Education**

### **Video Recording of Surgical Procedures**

Would mandate audio and video recording of surgical procedures and make them part of the patient record. Mandatory recording would stifle interactions amongst the surgical team creating an adversarial “gotcha” environment in the operating room potentially putting the patient at risk and reducing quality of care.

### **Oppose**

### **Maintenance of Certification (MOC)**

The American College of Surgeons opposes legislation prohibiting MOC because it interferes with the right of the profession to set standards for patient care, interferes with employment contracts of hospital medical staffs, and denies patients the right to know the continuous education standards of their physicians.

### **Oppose Legislation that Prohibits Use of MOC for Hospital Privileging, Reimbursement, & Employment**

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