About the Wisconsin Orthopaedic Society (WOS):
The purpose of the Wisconsin Orthopaedic Society is to enhance the commitment of practicing orthopaedic surgeons in Wisconsin to stay current of information and advancements in the dynamic practice of modern orthopaedic surgery, to maintain the highest medical and ethical standards, and ultimately to optimize service and care to our patients. This is encouraged by our members and promoted by our educational and informative process.

Empowering Patients
We help today’s patients gather resources on orthopaedic care and conditions in an unbiased, helpful manner. By giving them a better understanding of their healthcare options, our Society empowers patients to make the best choices possible for their orthopaedic care.

Connecting Providers
As a medical professional, building relationships with your peers helps strengthen your clinical practice as well as patient outcomes. The Wisconsin Orthopaedic Society provides an opportunity to connect with your colleagues no matter the size or your practice, scope of your services or Healthcare System affiliation.

Advancing Practices
From Continuing Medical Education to advancing the specialty of orthopaedics across our state, the Society serves to build both practices and providers. We are healthcare advocates, seeking to form relationships with medical colleges and universities, device manufacturers, policy makers, and others who help to foster new talent and technologies in the orthopaedic space.

Opioid Abuse Epidemic
Recognizing the epidemic of opioid abuse in the state of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Orthopaedic Society supports the safe and responsible prescribing of pain medications. The Society supports the support the recommendations put forth by the AMA along with the National Governors Association:

- Increase registration and use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)
- Ensure safe, evidence-based prescribing
- Support comprehensive pain care; reduce the stigma of pain
- Reduce the stigma of substance use disorder; increase access to treatment
- Increase access to naloxone to save lives from overdose; support broad Good Samaritan protections

The Wisconsin Orthopaedic Society is concerned, however, about the adoption of inflexible regulation and draconian enforcement. A one-size-fits-all approach ignores the unique needs of each patient. Whether a chronic condition, an acute injury or surgery, patients should not be forced to unnecessarily suffer for not fitting a preconceived mold.