



Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care


The Benefits of Membership

What is WAPC?

- Largest, most active, and oldest perinatal association in the US
- Multidisciplinary individual membership organization
- A recognized leader in perinatal health

“As no other organization in the state, WAPC has the experience and expertise to educate physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, community health workers and other perinatal providers. Bottom line -- I trust their work and often refer to it. By the way, membership in the organization is not expensive, only \$75.00 and well worth it.”

Mary Jo Baisch, PhD, RN




What are the benefits of membership?

- Professional development
- Central resource for materials, publications, and consultation
- Networking



Professional Development

- Continuing Education Opportunities
 - Annual statewide perinatal conference
 - Annual regional forum series on a timely perinatal topic
 - Online self-study modules
 - Basic and advanced fetal monitoring educational opportunities



Central resource for materials, publications, and consultation

- www.perinatalweb.org
- Electronic newsletter, *E-PeriScope*
- Reports, position statements, and educational tool kits



Networking

- Colleagues with an interest in perinatal health from many disciplines
- State, national, and international leaders in perinatal health
- Like-minded people who work to improve the health of women, infants, and families

How do I join?

- Join online at perinatalweb.org
- Complete paper membership application and send to WAPC at 211 S. Paterson St., Suite 250, Madison, WI 53703
- Include payment of \$75 for annual membership (1/1-12/31)

Tell me more about WAPC...

- Formed in 1970 - need for regionalization
- 501(c) (3)
- Organized into seven perinatal regions
- Multidisciplinary Board of Directors and membership
- Manages eight program committees
- Maintains annual membership between 500-600

What has WAPC done in the past?

- Established regionalized perinatal care
- Coordinated universal newborn hearing screening
- Established and maintained recommendations for *Laboratory Testing During Pregnancy*
- Implemented *1989 Wis. Act 122* about perinatal substance abuse
- Improved care for infants transitioning from the NICU to home
- Pioneered multiple strategies to improve pre- and interconceptional health
- Educated the perinatal workforce

What is WAPC doing now?

- Identification and treatment of prenatal and postpartum depression
- Reduction of the impact of opioids on women and infants
- Reduction of rates of Cesarean births and early elective deliveries
- Promotion of IOM guidelines for perinatal weight management
- Public reporting of standardized perinatal measures with PeriData.Net[®]
- Implementation of national levels of perinatal care
- Incorporation of a preconception algorithm in an EHR
- Leadership and administrative support for WisPQC



Tell me more

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