

WCHQ Cardiometabolic Assembly

August 14, 2026, 8:00 AM–3:00 PM | Hilton Garden Inn, Madison/Sun Prairie, 1220 S Grand Ave, Sun Prairie, WI

AGENDA

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & Networking Breakfast
9:00 AM – 9:20 AM	Opening Address: Why This Work Matters <i>Gabrielle Rude, PhD, President and CEO, WCHQ</i>
9:20 AM – 10:15 AM	Keynote Session: The State of Prevention: What's Driving Cardiometabolic Health Today? <i>Dr. Patrick McBride, MD, MPH, UW Health</i>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Networking Break
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Concurrent Learning Tracks: Main Ballroom TRACK A Kidney and Cardiometabolic Care Improving Medication Management in Kidney and Cardiometabolic Care <i>Andrew P. Traynor, Pharm.D.</i> <i>Professor and Associate Program Director, Experiential Education</i> <i>College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota</i> Closing the Treatment Gap in CKD: Bringing New Evidence into Everyday Practice <i>Orly Vardeny, PharmD, VA Medical Center</i>
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Concurrent Learning Tracks: Prairie Room TRACK B Obesity Treatment and Lifestyle Behavior Stopping the Scroll: Helping Patients Navigate Obesity Treatment in the Age of Misinformation <i>Abbey Roberts, RN, BSN, MBA, Bariatric RN, Emplify Health</i> Movement Matters: What Every Provider Should Know About Physical Activity and Chronic Disease <i>Lisa Cadmus-Bertram, PhD, Associate Professor of Kinesiology, UW Health</i>
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Networking Lunch

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<i>Concurrent Learning Tracks: Main Ballroom</i> <i>TRACK A Early Detection and Risk Identification</i> Why Oral Health Matters for Cardiometabolic Health <i>Todd Thierer, MPH, DDS, Health Partners</i> Genetic Testing in Kidney Care <i>Brad Astor, PhD, MPH, Professor of Medicine and Population Health Sciences - UW Madison</i>
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	<i>Concurrent Learning Tracks: Prairie Room</i> <i>TRACK B Obesity Detection and Treatment</i> Women's Health, Obesity, and Lifestyle Medicine Across the Lifespan <i>Katy Hallman, MD, UW Department of Maternal-Fetal Medicine</i> Beyond Coverage: Expanding Access to Effective Obesity Treatment <i>Bryant Schobert, Pharm.D., Clinical Pharmacist, Reedsburg Area Medical Center</i>
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Networking Break
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM	<i>Breakout Session: Main Ballroom</i> CKD Closing the Gap in the Real World: Earlier Detection and Better Management of Kidney Disease <i>Andrew Bland, MD, MBA, FAAP, FACP, Nephrologist, Medical Associates</i>
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM	<i>Breakout Session: Prairie Room</i> Optimizing Obesity Care Across Clinical Settings <i>Christopher Weber, MD, FAAP, FACP, CSCS, DABOM, FOMA, Medical Director, Bariatric Services, Ascension</i>
2:30 PM – 2:50 PM	Data to Action: Race-Agnostic eGFR Reporting Statewide <i>Abbey Harburn, MPH, Director of Analytics and Practice Transformation, WCHQ</i>
2:50 PM – 3:00 PM	Wrap-Up & Raffle Prizes