

## CHAPTER 148

## MEDICAL SOCIETIES

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**148.01 State society. (1)** The state medical society of Wisconsin is continued with the general powers of a corporation. It may from time to time adopt, alter and enforce constitution, by-laws and regulations for admission and expulsion of members, election of officers, and management.

**(2)** A member expelled from a county medical society may appeal to the state society, whose decision shall be final.

Transfer of all assets and liabilities of the State Medical Society's Wisconsin Physicians Service is precluded by the Society's statutory duty of exclusive control, since such transfer would result in separation of the Society's assets from those of the new corporation and permit use of Physicians Service assets and structure for purposes not consistent with the legislative intent of ch. 148. *State Medical Society v. Comm. of Insurance*, 70 W (2d) 144, 233 NW (2d) 470.

**148.02 County societies. (1)** The physicians and surgeons, not less than five in number, of the several counties, except those wherein a county medical society exists may meet at such time and place at the county seat as a majority agree upon and organize a county medical society, and when so organized it shall be a body corporate by the name of the medical society of such county, shall have the general powers of a corporation, and may take by purchase or gift and hold real and personal property. County medical societies now existing are continued with the powers and privileges conferred by this chapter.

**(2)** Physicians and surgeons who, before April 20, 1897, received a diploma from an

incorporated medical college or society of any of the United States or territories or of any foreign country, or who shall have received a license from the medical examining board, shall be entitled to meet for organization or become members of the county medical society.

**(3)** If there be not a sufficient number of physicians and surgeons in any county to form a medical society they may associate with those of adjoining counties, and the physicians and surgeons of not more than fifteen adjoining counties may organize a medical society under this chapter, meeting at such time and place as a majority agree upon.

**(4)** A county medical society may from time to time adopt, alter and enforce constitution, by-laws and regulations for the admission and expulsion of members, election of officers, and management, not inconsistent with the constitution, by-laws and regulations of the state society.

**History:** 1971 c. 164 s. 91.

**148.03 Service insurance corporations for health care.** The state medical society or, in a manner approved by the state society, a county society, may establish in one or more counties of this state a service insurance corporation for health care under ch. 613.

**History:** 1973 c. 275; 1975 c. 223.

**NOTE:** Chapter 223, laws of 1975, which repealed and recreated this section contained notes on this section and the revision.