

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.

(3) The state society, or a county society in manner approved by the state society, may undertake and coordinate all sickness care of indigents and low income groups, through contracts with public officials, and with physicians and others, and by the use of contributions, co-operative funds and other means, provided only that free choice of physician within such contracts shall be retained and that responsibility of physician to patient and all other contract and tort relationships with patient shall remain as though the dealings were direct between physician and patient. [1935 c. 350]

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 state board of medical examiners, 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.

148.03 [Repealed by 1927 c. 60 s. 1]