



EVIDENCE-BASED INFORMATION FOR WASHINGTON STATE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



"Just wanted to follow-up and say thanks for chatting with me and giving me the info on HEALWA at the ACEP conference ... this was definitely one of the highlights of the conference. Thanks for your time."

MD, Emergency Physician, St. Joseph Medical Center, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, Tacoma, WA

"I love the updated website! It looks great and is easy to move around. I have been registered and using HEAL-WA for over 15 years. I also recommend it to all of my RN friends."

RN, Clinical Educator, KADLEC Medical Center, Kennewick, WA

"Thank you so much! This is an amazing resource."

MD, JD, Physician Advocate, Port Angeles, WA

"Appreciate this amazing resource for healthcare workers in Washington State!"

RN, Foundation for Healthcare Quality, Seattle, WA

"Thank you so much for the extra effort and for the link to the other paper! I will definitely make sure to include that one in my project as well!"

MPH, RDN, Chicken Soup Brigade, Seattle, WA

November 1, 2024

Greetings! HEALWA is pleased to share our 2024 annual report, which builds on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, includes the voices of health professionals, and sets our program's path for the next year. HEALWA is strong and evolving.

HEALWA redesigned the website, updated our brand, and launched a Care Provider toolkit showing our commitment to modernize and transform our program to provide high quality access to evidence-based information resources for Washington healthcare providers. You will learn about our upcoming 2025 focus areas in serving over 251,000 health care providers. Profiled in this issue is Dynamedex.

You won't want to miss our new feature, Community Partners. Several organizations, community colleges, and universities are helping to further the mission of HEALWA and empower our newest health professionals to access the latest health and clinical information. As partners, we can learn from each other, align our work, and mobilize for even greater collective impact. We're grateful for the support of our initial community partners to transform and strengthen health care in Washington.

Our program allows us to share evidence-based health information resources with participating healthcare professions and align with a common purpose – to ensure health equity across the health care delivery system and in urban and rural communities. We look forward to sharing our progress with you and invite your partnership in realizing our vision and focus areas for the health of our Washington communities.

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Mission Statement

HEALWA assures affordable, anytime, online access to current, authoritative clinical information and educational resources to eligible health care practitioners in Washington State.

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2025 HEALWA Focus Areas

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER RESOURCES

Promote the adoption of the Care Provider Toolkit in primary care across the state of Washington.

EQUAL ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

Ensure that all healthcare providers, regardless of their background, have equal access to healthcare information. This includes being mindful of addressing barriers to access, such as language barriers, geographic barriers, or socioeconomic barriers.

RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATMENT

Increase awareness of state programs and training opportunities to improve skills to address opioid use disorder.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION IN PRIMARY CARE

Foster awareness of resources in behavioral health for primary care providers, especially those in rural areas with limited access to specialists.

HEALWA Eligible Professions

Acupuncturist/Acupuncture
and Eastern Medicine
Practitioner

Advanced Registered Nurse
Practitioners

Chiropractors

Dietitians

Licensed Practical Nurses

Marriage & Family
Therapists

Marriage & Family Therapy
Associates

Massage Therapists

Mental Health Counselors

Midwives

Naturopathic Physicians

Nutritionists

Occupational Therapists

Occupational Therapy
Assistants

Optometric Physicians

Osteopathic Physicians

Physicians

Physician Assistants

Podiatric Physicians

Psychologists

Registered Nurses

Social Workers

Clinical Social Work Associates

Speech Language Pathologists

Veterinarians

Veterinary Technicians



HEALWA Expenditures

November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024

CATEGORY	DETAIL	TOTAL
HEALWA Staff Salaries and Benefits		\$403,509
Resources		\$3,910,939
	Electronic textbooks	
	Evidence-based and reference databases	
	Full text electronic journals	
Equipment and Supplies		\$676
Technology and Other Services		\$5,788
Marketing & Exhibits		\$14,136
Publicity		\$16,138
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$4,351,186

Salaries include:

- 1.90 FTE Professional & IT Staff
- 1.0 FTE Principal Investigator

HEALWA Eligible and Registered Licensees

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LICENSE HELD	NUMBER ELIGIBLE	NUMBER REGISTERED	PERCENT REGISTERED
Acupuncturist or Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Practitioner License	1,651	394	23.9%
Chiropractor License	2,657	307	11.6%
Dietitian Certification	2,698	467	17.3%
Licensed Practical Nurse	10,755	672	6.2%
Marriage and Family Therapist Associate License	830	11	1.3%
Marriage and Family Therapist License	2,625	205	7.8%
Massage Therapist License	11,835	727	6.1%
Mental Health Counselor License	11,146	892	8%
Midwife License	217	75	34.6%
Naturopathic Physician License	1,626	887	54.6%
Nutritionist Certification	385	46	11.9%
Occupational Therapist License	4,590	517	11.3%
Occupational Therapy Assistant License	1,205	66	5.5%
Optometrist License	1,860	179	9.6%
Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon License	3,539	296	8.4%
Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon Limited License	303	8	2.6%
Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon License Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	438	5	1.1%
Physician And Surgeon Fellowship License	12		0%
Physician And Surgeon Institution License	4	1	25%
Physician And Surgeon License	31,420	2,913	9.3%
Physician and Surgeon License Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	2,844	11	0.4%
Physician And Surgeon Residency License	1,372	30	2.2%
Physician And Surgeon Teaching Research License	97	2	2.1%
Physician Assistant License	5,621	507	9%

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Podiatric Physician And Surgeon License	398	63	15.8%
Podiatric Physician And Surgeon Limited License	19	1	5.3%
Psychologist License	3,844	555	14.4%
Registered Nurse License	110,392	18,375	16.6%
Social Worker Advanced License	139	3	2.2%
Social Worker Associate Independent Clinical License	3,332	56	1.7%
Social Worker Independent Clinical License	7,958	615	7.7%
Speech Language Pathologist License	4,046	176	4.3%
Veterinary License	4,725	43	0.9%
Veterinary Specialty License	17		0%
Veterinary Technician License	2,714	24	0.9%
TOTAL	237,315	29,129	12.3%

DynaMedex

DynaMedex provides the latest evidence-based clinical information to make complex decisions at the point of care for 45 medical specialties (see list below), nurse practitioners, and midwives. Personalized alerts allow clinicians to track practice-changing updates, study and guideline summaries, drug and device alerts, outbreak alerts, evidence updates, and clinical recommendations. DynaMedex adheres to the evidence-based medicine (EBM) fundamentals framework to carefully select clinical recommendations and define the evidence. Physicians, nurse practitioners, and midwives using DynaMed to inform and support their clinical decisions are eligible to earn continuing medical education (CME) credits and continuing education (CE) contact hours, respectively, for internet point of care (PoC) activities. Physicians in certain specialties may also be eligible to earn Part II Maintenance of Certification (MOC) points.

DYNAMEDEX MEDICAL SPECIALTIES COVERED:

Allergy

Anesthesiology and
Pain Management

Cardiology

Critical Care

Dermatology

Emergency Medicine

Endocrinology

Family Medicine

Gastroenterology

Geriatrics

Gynecology

Hematology

Hepatology

Hospital Medicine

Immunology

Infectious Diseases

Neonatology

Nephrology

Neurology

Neurosurgery

Obesity

Obstetric Medicine

Occupational Medicine

Oncology

Ophthalmology

Oral Health

Orthopedics and Sports
Medicine

Otolaryngology

Palliative Care

Pathology and Laboratory
Medicine

Pediatrics

Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation

Primary Care

Psychiatry

Pulmonary Medicine

Radiation Oncology

Radiology

Rheumatology

Sleep Medicine

Substance Use and Addiction
Medicine

Surgery

Trauma

Urology

Womens Health

Community Partners





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