



West Virginia Sleep Society

As healthcare workers, I'm sure all of you are following the COVID-19 situation closely. The CDC and many health organizations are discouraging any type of large meetings and most conferences have already cancelled.

On Saturday, March 14, 2020 I made a motion to the West Virginia Sleep Society board, that we cancel our meeting in April, and the board agreed.

I have been agonizing over this decision for a while. But when put into perspective with world events, our conference is not critical. I can't justify having this conference in a group setting knowing that I would be:

- A. Putting healthcare workers in a situation where they are at a higher risk to be exposed to this virus.
- B. Asking already overworked physicians to give a presentation when they could be potentially mandated to stay at the hospital.

The West Virginia Sleep Society board is looking into a way to continue to have the conference this year. We will keep you all updated as soon as we know more. Until then, all persons who have paid will be reimbursed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at sleepsocietywv@outlook.com.

I pray that you and your families stay safe and healthy during this time.

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