



## **Patient-Physician Privacy Disclosure Policy**

### **Policy Statement**

The Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians supports the right of patients to be informed but in general, WAFP does not support legislation that invades the privacy between the physician and patient. Therefore we oppose mandates describing or prescribing what the physician must communicate to patients.

Open, honest communication with a personal physician is a vital part of building a trusting, healing relationship necessary for a patient's long-term health. Any attempt to dictate what and how a physician communicates with his or her patient creates a barrier that degrades that relationship. We oppose any legislation that comes between a patient and physician.

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