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Featured Speakers Announced for 2026 Physician Leadership Development Conference

The annual **WHA Physician Leadership Development Conference** is an opportunity for Wisconsin hospitals and health systems to offer their physicians CME-qualifying education focused on developing their leadership skills.

Physician leaders must represent both clinical and management interests. They must solve problems, lead their clinical colleagues and manage needed change in a rapidly evolving health care environment.

Don't miss your opportunity to experience what past attendees of the Physician Leadership Development Conference are talking about.

“*Excellent conference*”

Past Physician Leadership Development Conference attendee

“*Very well organized and great speakers*”

Past Physician Leadership Development Conference attendee

“*Networking opportunities are great*”

Past Physician Leadership Development Conference attendee

Dr. Anthony Orsini and Dr. Gaurava Agarwal will be our featured presenters at the March 13 & 14 Physician Leadership Development Conference. Join us at the Osthoff Resort to learn and interact with these subject matter experts.

Difficult Conversations

Through his decades of research and experience as an ICU physician, Dr. Orsini has mastered the key elements required to navigate through difficult conversations in the most effective and compassionate manner. This presentation teaches the communication skills necessary to positively influence challenging situations encountered daily. Key takeaways include:

- Learning how to use compassionate communication to build trusting relationships quickly.
- Mastering verbal and nonverbal techniques used to de-escalate conflict and convey empathy in any situation.
- Learning key communication insights that lead to effective leadership, especially during times of uncertainty and crises.

Leadership and Wellbeing

Dr. Agarwal developed the Scholars of Wellness program at Northwestern Medicine, which was spotlighted by the American Medical Association for its results in decreasing physician burnout among the majority of participants and increasing comfort in communicating with leadership to drive achievable, actionable change. Dr. Agarwal also co-hosts the Anatomy of an Everyday Leader podcast series, exploring "What Does it Mean to Lead?" The podcast discusses leadership among teams of all types at Northwestern Medicine and leadership strategies for empowering teams to find fulfillment in their work, add value to their teams and feel valued.

For more information on this conference, including registration and speaker bios, please visit the event site [here](#).



Leadership and Wellbeing

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Difficult Conversations

Anthony Orsini, MD
CEO and Founder
The Orsini Way

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EDUCATION EVENTS

Dec. 16, 2025

Common Hospital Deficiencies

Jan. 14, 2026

Caring for Wisconsin's Caregivers Well-Being First Champion Challenge for Credentialing Kickoff

Jan. 28, 2026

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