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WEAMA Name Change Survey Responses

318 surveys taken (end date 11-17-18)

Q 1: Which term do you currently use to describe your professional title as the current law allows you to use either term?

EAMP: 14.78%

LAc: 42.45%

Both: 42.77 %

22 responses/ 318 responses

LAc, MAcOM

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Acupuncture is ONE medical procedure within a EAM

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East Asian MEDICINE Practitioner

11/11/2018 12:20 PM

90% Acupuncturist. 10% EAMP. IT APPEARS ON MY WEBSITE STRICTLY BC ITS OUR LICENSURE

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EAMP, MAc (Masters in Acupuncture)

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I hate EAMP...!!!

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But I prefer LAc

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Chinese Medical Practitioner

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I prefer L.Ac, but sometimes use EAMP because it is the legally preferred title.

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I am licensed in CA and FL where LAc is used

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Oriental medical practitioner

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Doctor of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine

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DACM

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East Asian Medical provider is not a well-recognized term. Acupuncturists from other states have scoffed at this term when I explain that it's our title in WA state. Countries other than East Asian have contributed to the techniques, styles and types of medical interventions which fall under the purview of Acupuncturist.

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EAMP(WA), R.Ac.(MI), Dipl.Ac.

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Student

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Chinese medicine practitioner

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Chinese medicine doctor

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OMD

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Chinese medicine practitioner

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Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners

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Traditional Chinese Medicine
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Q2: Which terminology are you most comfortable using to describe your profession and/or your professional title?

Acu 79.02%

EAMP 13.77%

EMP 7.21%

43 comments/ 305 responses

Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Practitioner

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Chinese medicine physician

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Doctor of Oriental Medicine

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EAMP, DAOM

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Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine

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Acupuncturist and herbalist

11/11/2018 10:04 PM

Acupuncturist and East Asian Medicine practitioner.

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I am NOT in favor of Acupuncturist - or change to Acupuncture for EAMP - this will retard our progress and open our scope to anyone that has the authority to do so - ARNPs as an example - then they can do everything that our western-eastern medical system offers.

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Acupuncturist and Holistic medicine practitioner

11/10/2018 1:40 PM

Doctor of Chinese Medicine

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Acupuncturist and Traditional Medical Provider

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Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

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Licensed Acupuncturist

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Acupuncture Physician (?)

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Look at #1

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Oriental medicine doctor

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Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner

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But I usually explain that further - I dislike EAMP as it is extremely confusing

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Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbalist

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I often say "licensed acupuncturist and certified Chinese herbologist (NCCAOM)"

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Doctor of Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine

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Acupuncture and Chinese medicine doctor

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Licensed Acupuncturist

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Acupuncturist/Chinese medicine practitioner

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Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine?

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Chinese medicine doctor

11/4/2018 10:08 PM

Traditional Chinese Medicine Doctor

11/4/2018 2:14 PM

Chinese medicine practitioners

11/4/2018 8:50 AM

Natural Medicine Practitioner

11/4/2018 6:41 AM

TCM Practitioner

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Traditional Chinese medicine doctor

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TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine)

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I am happy to change the terminology to Eastern Medicine Practitioner... although I would probably actually SAY Practitioner of East Asian Medicine, and currently say I am an Acupuncturist

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Chinese medicine

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TCM

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And Acupuncturist as well

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Acupuncturist & East Asian Medicine Practitioner

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Traditional Christmas Medicine Practitioners

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Or something less offensive -- but acupuncturist doesn't entail all that we do.

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Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner

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Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Practitioner

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Acupuncturist also.

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Oriental medicine

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Q3: Unifying profession as Acu's;

Yes 83.16%

No 16.84%

31 comments/ 297 responses

Acupuncture if part of EAM or OM - Please do NOT confuse the cart with the horse

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I do not support the politicization of medicine. Defining ourselves as acupuncturists may be expedient for political purposes but is extremely problematic for the future of this medicine.

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need more info

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support the choice, not willing to prioritize time and energy in this way

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Maybe

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Your question has nothing to do with changing our professional title. We can participate as EAMPs

11/9/2018 9:29 PM

I don't believe ASA supports are interests since they support dry needling by non acupuncturists

11/9/2018 8:34 PM

I suppose, I never understood why EAMP was pushed in the first place. Rather exasperated at this whole process.

11/9/2018 5:41 PM

This is a misleading question - are you asking if I am interested in the profession joining nationally? Yes. If you're asking if I support changing our name (again) to "acupuncturists" to show support for a national movement, I am not in support of that.

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Not sure

11/9/2018 2:42 PM

But I am grateful to all those who are called to do this for our profession

11/9/2018 2:06 PM

Depends on time commitment.

11/9/2018 1:58 PM

Yes but not at the cost of striking off the denotation of EAMP as Acupuncturist at best implies a needle technician

11/9/2018 1:58 PM

I do so much more than acupuncture and went through extensive training and testing to be a certified herbalist.

11/6/2018 9:41 PM

our law currently allows us to be apart of this movement without changing our title

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As Chinese Medicine doctor

11/5/2018 5:44 PM

Why have a seat at the AMA? I don't understand.

11/5/2018 3:29 PM

Yes, although we might have a seat at the table if we called ourselves EAMPs as well. It's probably not either/or.

11/5/2018 2:02 PM

We can already use the title acupuncturist by state law.

11/4/2018 12:04 PM

This name don't cover the Chinese herbs part.

11/4/2018 5:09 AM

Interesting that WEAMA members are automatically members of ASA. Thanks for letting us know! I support this "representative" democracy decision, just had to remark that I was formerly unaware of my membership in this newly re-formed organization!

11/4/2018 12:09 AM

Yes, but want us to also maintain some modicum of independence

11/3/2018 9:10 PM

We are more than acupuncturists. Not at the risk of losing some of our scope of practice.

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Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners

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Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners

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Acupuncture s one modality of a system of medicine so calling ourselves acupuncturists misleads the public and other providers who think of us as deliverers of one technique or modality but not the whole system

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I currently live in OR and am Licensed as a Acupuncturist with the Oregon Medical Board . This is the same entity that licenses all medical practitioners. I still keep my WA LAC current. I was disappointed when we changed from LAC to EAMP.

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Unify as a profession, as graduates from ACAOM accredited programs. I believe keeping EAMP as state title for WA helps in many ways.

11/3/2018 4:10 PM

I'm retired. Limited income. Would join if I could afford AND if leadership is acupuncture/medical PRACTITIONERS not office bureaucrats who prioritize income over the ethics of the profession.

11/3/2018 4:03 PM

Absolutely not. This would serve to further the already severely debilitating reduction of our medicine to the sole, often limited, modality of acupuncture. We're already doing a profound disservice to ourselves, patients, and the medicine by promoting acupuncture near exclusively...

11/3/2018 3:36 PM

Not sure

11/3/2018 3:26 PM

Q4: Acu in RCW update

Yes 86.71%

No 13.29%

39 comments/ 301 responses

change the name to Washington Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association

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poor idea - we have slowly expanded the RCW and WAC. We would be going backwards with the idea of changing the WA RCW designation. I think Dr Cris Angel stated it best - We have an Medical System that is evolving - that ever change face of medical....Make it count...it was his comments that have kept me here in WA. I support his advances and thinking for our Profession. We have a gent that has a crazy high IQ and he can usually ready b4 and between the LINES. Please consider ask him to aid the efforts, in some form if he is willing. I have asked him to attend your up and coming meeting as I think he has returned from Thailand and went to the DOH meeting of recent. He can be Trusted as he will always do the transparent right thing for our profession. I can from BC Canada here because of a TED talk he gave in the evolving WA medical system a few years back.

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bad idea

11/12/2018 12:11 PM

To secure our seat at the table we need to push to emphasize the totality of our medicine not a single modality. I often practice Chinese medicine without performing acupuncture. This medicine is based on the overarching theories and principles not any one modality.

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not in favor - confuses the population - acupuncture is a procedure - in a System of Medicine

11/12/2018 5:55 AM

Will move forward to prevent that change - it would retard progress as a medical system and would open our scope to anyone with the authority or dollars to add ACUPUNCTURE to their scope. It will also greatly confuse the public...Acupuncture is part of a medical system thousands of years ole which is now a recognized in the USA. We need to better educate about all the Medical Service Procedures we offer in an Integrated Western-Eastern Medical System - I have practiced Medical Acupuncture for twenty years now and would be disappointed to see the change. I will also support a move to keep the existing "EAMP" or to Eastern Medicine Practitioner.

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Not sure. I like acupuncturist because of name recognition, but we don't just do acupuncture, we practice a system of medicine

11/10/2018 1:42 PM

Acupuncture Physician

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I am concerned that the title acupuncturist is not broad enough to what we actually do. I would suggest something like "Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine - ACOM " for example.

11/9/2018 11:01 PM

Acupuncture isn't a system of medicine. It is one part of a system. The term acupuncture does not describe a system of medicine

11/9/2018 9:29 PM

Not sure

11/9/2018 9:00 PM

Acupuncturist and Traditional Medicine Provider

11/9/2018 8:07 PM

As long as the legality of the change is fully understood as described above

11/9/2018 5:41 PM

Have always preferred L.Ac.

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Yes, but now is not the time. We need to address the ARNP and chirps now

11/9/2018 4:18 PM

As I am both an acupuncturist and an herbalist, I would prefer a name that infers both. However, I do realize some practitioners are acupuncturists only.

11/9/2018 3:43 PM

It's been confusing ever since they change it.

11/9/2018 2:28 PM

I prefer "Acupuncture" over "East Asian" but would like to keep the word Medicine in the official title somehow. Maybe by clearly stating that an Acupuncturist practices Acupuncture Medicine which includes needles, herbs and all other related modalities.

11/9/2018 2:24 PM

I have no idea why it was changed to begin with - only served to confuse everyone, especially the general public.

That is why I have no interest in being a member - the association creates more problems than it fixes.

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I very much agree with the potential for scope limitations with Acu as our license title

11/9/2018 2:04 PM

So long as it delineates from PTs, "Medical Acupuncturist" and others who would co-opt our medicine.

11/9/2018 1:58 PM

This name change idea implies less member unity & promotes further confusion. Opening the RCW could have the opposite effect of reducing our scope to only a modality.

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I would prefer something like FL has: acupuncture physician

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Yes, but our medicine is SO much more than just the one modality of acupuncture. Those of us who are trained herbalists with master's of science and doctorates of Chinese/Oriental/East Asian Medicine (DAOM/DACM etc) feel limited by the title "acupuncturist."

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waste of money

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It would be an expensive change, so I'd rather have some time as a profession to think about it. Right now the process seems really heated and emotional.

11/5/2018 2:02 PM

I have no opinion one way or the other

11/5/2018 10:24 AM

Acupuncture Physician

11/5/2018 6:10 AM

I don't think the general public cares either way - I'm more interested in expanding our scope of practice.

Acupuncture physician is a good professional title

11/4/2018 8:08 AM

Before "etc.", could we at least recognize the inspiration from that occupied country that we now call Nepal? Since that is likely where this medicine initially started in ancient Sumeria?

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Acupuncture (acupuncturist) & East Asian Medicine Practitioner

11/3/2018 9:10 PM

It is a step backward in educating the public on what we do.

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Traditional Chinese Medicine

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Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners

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the orientation towards acupuncture is confusing and misleading and backward thinking. There are many modalities within the system of Chinese medicine other than acupuncture. A title of practice or nomenclature that states this is what is most needed in our profession.

11/3/2018 5:19 PM

No. Emphatic NO. Keep the EAMP title.

11/3/2018 4:10 PM

Yes, as long as it doesn't affect scope of practice. The letter on the WEAMA forum from George Whiteside raises questions about this.

11/3/2018 3:51 PM

Absolutely not

11/3/2018 3:36 PM

Yes or no I understood the EAMP background, it covers all scope of practice, if we use acupuncturist, it seems we are limited in our practice. However, in public people understand acupuncturist more than any title

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Q5 Different names for associations:

ANSWER CHOICES-

RESPONSES-

a. Washington Acupuncture Medicine Association (WAMA)

17.30%

55 responses

b. Washington Acupuncture Association (WAA)

16.04%

51 responses

c. Acupuncture Association of Washington (AAW)

14.47%

46 responses

d. Washington Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine Association (WAHMA)

22.96%

73 responses

e. Washington Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Association (WAEMA)

16.35%

52 responses

f. Washington Eastern Medicine Association (WEMA)

.94% 3 responses

g. Do not change the name, keep Washington East Asian Medicine Association (WEAMA)

11.95%

38 responses

41 comments out of 318 responses

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Washington Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Association

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WAHMA is best and still...a bit unsatisfying

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Washington Acupuncture Physicians Association and we push for PCP scope

11/10/2018 1:40 PM

Washington Acupuncture & TCM Association

11/10/2018 9:33 AM

i don't care

11/10/2018 8:29 AM

I like the idea of going back to Washington Acupuncture Association, or Acupuncture Association of Washington.

"Acupuncture Medicine" sounds stupid in my opinion. There is no such thing as "acupuncture medicine" and I

believe it makes us look less intelligent to the other scopes and associations.

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I don't feel excessively strongly about the name other than I like acupuncture in there somewhere

11/9/2018 5:58 PM

I have to say proposing a geographic designation as being offensive is erroneous and downright silly. If it was a specific description of cultural term I would understand, but again, a geographical term that is understood globally is silly.

11/9/2018 5:41 PM

I also like d & e

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B would be 2nd choice. D 3rd.

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Washington Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine Association (WATMA)

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or Acupuncture and herbal Medicine of WA

11/9/2018 2:28 PM

Prefer WAMA. Any choice with "Medicine" in the name is OK

11/9/2018 2:24 PM

Really don't care but I had to choose one for the survey to go through

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or include herbal medicine

11/9/2018 2:13 PM

Ayurvedic medicine is unlicensed, I don't see why that is even a consideration. Nobody in PT/DC/MD/ARNP/etc is being sensitive to our profession, I don't see why we need to reciprocate.

11/9/2018 2:04 PM

Does not matter.

11/9/2018 2:01 PM

I COULD SUPPORT EITHER A OR D

11/9/2018 1:56 PM

We need to include those practice herbs

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People who think EAMP is offensive should check in with modern reality and get over it.

11/8/2018 2:49 AM

If our state required us to be trained in herbs like CA & FL, I would choose WAHMA. But it would be misleading to represent non-trained herbalists under this title.

11/5/2018 9:22 PM

AAW would be okay too.

11/5/2018 2:02 PM

Washington Acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine association

11/5/2018 1:06 PM

Association of Washington Acupuncturists (AWA) or Washington Association of Acupuncturists (WAA)

11/5/2018 11:22 AM

No opinion but it is requiring me to pick one so...

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B, D, E, or F are all good by me!

11/4/2018 10:39 PM

Why not Washington Eastern Medicine and Acupuncture Association? Option e in reverse. Personally, I prefer to be known as something beyond acupuncture.

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"B" first. Then, "A."

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Acupuncture and TCM Association of Washington (ATCMAW)

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Washington State Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine Association (WSATCMA)

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Name need to be changed

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"E" or Washington Acupuncture & East Asian Medicine Association

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We need to incorporate the entirety of our profession in the name while emphasizing that which will speak to our strengths in this environment

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Washington State Association if Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine

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What state association of traditional Chinese Medicine

11/3/2018 5:40 PM

EAM includes all of the modalities of the system. This includes acupuncture as one modality and, therefore, it is unnecessary to state acupuncture as a separate entity within the whole system. It is redundant.

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Washington State Acupuncture Association (WSAA)

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Washington Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Association (WACMA)

11/3/2018 4:53 PM

Do not change name

11/3/2018 4:10 PM

Please don't choose WAMA - the phrase "acupuncture medicine" sounds clumsy; and I don't know any successful practitioners or researchers who refer to it as such.

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b or c

11/3/2018 3:04 PM

Q6: Grandfather in EAMP

Yes 66.44%

No 33.56%

37 comments/ 298 responses

don't care

11/14/2018 8:36 PM

I do not support the change - I will support those that are for progress and not go backwards. I am letting my membership go - lapse as this is one of the poorest idea's I have seen yet. It seems to be setting us up to Fall as a profession. If this continues in WA...I will return to Canada and work when we have a Medical System that knows Acupuncture is a medical procedure. It is part of a Health Delivery in CA...please do not confuse the wake of the boat with the trunk of an elephant.

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I will support NO name change - I will support and fight a name change with my \$\$\$\$ dollars. Take a secondary look at why the name change coming up - more about scope grab and this will continue and expand and confuse the

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masses. We finally have a better scope and now the Lobbyist wants to move us backwards - does she also Represent the Nurses- ARNP's at their Lobby Rep - sadly I think she is biasing the group as well.

11/12/2018 5:55 AM

Acupuncture has evolved to include Eastern and Modern western biomedicine. So "East Asian" pushes us into a box. Let's expand the definition of "acupuncture" to encompass everything that we do now.

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makes no difference

11/10/2018 10:23 AM

I would prefer to not have to get my labcoat/scrubs/cards re-done.

11/10/2018 8:18 AM

Neutral

11/10/2018 6:56 AM

Personally, I am not sure, but it seems that it likely should for reasons that may not be understood at this time.

11/9/2018 5:41 PM

No opinion

11/9/2018 5:09 PM

Too confusing

11/9/2018 3:12 PM

Just LAc....like everywhere else

11/9/2018 2:28 PM

I think the EAMP term will quickly wither away on its own, but should remain a legal option for some period - maybe 5-10 years.

11/9/2018 2:24 PM

So I don't have to redo my brochures, business cards and intake forms once again

11/9/2018 2:14 PM

it's the only accurate term to describe the medicine we use

11/9/2018 2:13 PM

Does not matter.

11/9/2018 2:01 PM

Too confusing. Why did they change the name at first place? Just to satisfy someone's ego. We need to think others, nationally and internationally.

11/9/2018 1:53 PM

I believe there should be two titles. One for those who only practice acupuncture and are not trained herbalists, and one for those who do both. This would lessen confusion for patients as well.

11/5/2018 9:22 PM

but I will be joining with other EAMP's to start a new organization, Advocates of East Asian Medicine and we will fight any bill reducing our scope of practice or removing the term EAMP/east asian medicine.

11/5/2018 6:49 PM

Not sure. Could be messy.

11/5/2018 2:02 PM

no opinion

11/5/2018 1:06 PM

Fine either way

11/5/2018 10:24 AM

too confusing

11/4/2018 8:54 PM

No preference

11/4/2018 2:45 PM

Yes but only for a limited time, to allow for changing business and marketing materials.

11/4/2018 12:19 PM

Actually, I prefer a process that would be more deliberative, than expedited as WEAMA is doing. If the elder dissenters to this name change are outvoted, so be it. In that case I would definitely like our professional status in WA State to be known officially as EAMP without a name change or organizational name change.

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No opinion

11/4/2018 6:41 AM

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Eastern medicine practitioner

11/4/2018 5:09 AM

I think that the decision to change the name again is a truly bad decision. I do not support making this change and I hope that the thoughtful people contemplating this change will resist the pressure from the very limited group of practitioners who seem to be pushing this agenda.

11/4/2018 3:21 AM

Thanks for adding this to the survey. And for sending this survey out to everyone with an invite to join the state association as a voting member. All my signage reflects this EAMP name. Just less than \$2000 worth of signs, as well as brochures, pamphlets and business cards & tabling banners. So Eastern Medicine still works just fine...for me.

11/4/2018 12:09 AM

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners

11/3/2018 6:27 PM

This is a leading question as it makes an assumption that acupuncture will become the main term to describe and designate the whole system of medicine. Again - why would we separate out acupuncture from the nomenclature for the system? No other system of medicine does this. This problem we seem to have is political and not scientific. It has a long history based in some of use doing only acupuncture and some of us practicing the system, including mainly herbal medicine. We need to move beyond this and take the public with us.

11/3/2018 5:19 PM

Not sure... It has never been my title and I am primarily an Acupuncturist. EAMP is vague for the general public.

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Do not change the name/title.

11/3/2018 4:10 PM

Sure. Government mandated terms for professions are an infringement on free speech, I support limiting this infringement.

11/3/2018 3:51 PM

Not sure

11/3/2018 3:26 PM

Doesn't matter to me. Patients find it more clear when they hear I am an acupuncturist vs east asian medical practitioner!

11/3/2018 3:04 PM

Don't care