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# Press Release

## Standardization of Wilderness Medicine Course Curriculum

**Can the unregulated field of wilderness medicine develop curriculum that meets the needs of the consumers? Do national standards promote the legitimacy of the industry or do they remove the autonomy individual providers need to stay competitive?**

Minneapolis, MN, November 7, 2009 from 8:00am – 10:15am in the Mississippi Room of the Coffman Memorial Union: The Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) will bring together a panel of experts at the National Conference to discuss current issues regarding national standards for wilderness medical trainings. This discussion will provide an exclusive look into the field of wilderness medicine to help explain why the field of wilderness medicine has not agreed to specific national standards for course curriculums. As wilderness medical providers seek curriculum endorsement through the Wilderness Medical Society, the AORE with over 250 AORE organizations employing over 8,000 staff, has a vested interest in the outcome.

Guests include representatives from six of the leading commercial wilderness medical providers (WMA, WMI, WMTC, SOLO, Aerie, and Remote Medical), two leading authors Dr. Thomas Welch, Dr. William Forgey, AORE Professional Members Patsy Kott and Mark Freidline will be representing the AORE. An unbiased moderator will be utilized to facilitate this discussion with the goal of establishing a road map of future action for the wilderness medical community at the conclusion of this discussion.

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