



# Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership

A project of the Second Amendment Foundation

Physicians and health care professionals advocating for Americans' gun rights.

## Because firearms are *not* a public health issue

Gun control is, at its heart, people control. While the public health assault on our fundamental human right of gun ownership is not a military assault by jackbooted thugs, it is an assault nevertheless. America has been unique in preserving, and through recent high court decisions affirming, the natural right of self defense. In the 22 years since DRGO began exposing the false scholarship of the public health gun banners we have seen a remarkable shift in public opinion. All states now have right-to-carry laws, and crime levels have dropped instead of rising. Join us in the struggle to bring honesty to the gun debate!

**OUR HISTORY:** Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership (DRGO) was launched in 1994 by Dr. Timothy Wheeler, a southern California surgeon. DRGO is now a nationwide network of physicians, allied health professionals, and others who support the safe and lawful use of firearms.

**OUR MISSION:** DRGO educates health professionals and the public in the best available science and expertise about firearms, including gun safety and preventing injury and death through wise use and lawful self defense. We teach what science shows—that guns in responsible hands save lives, reduce injuries, and protect property by preventing violent crime.

**SOME OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS:** DRGO has participated as an amicus on several important higher court decisions that have determined the course of gun policy. Dr. Wheeler's 1996 testimony to the House's Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee led to the ban on funding for gun control advocacy at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



DRGO leadership team at the 2015 Gun Rights Policy Conference. (L – R: Dr. Przebinda, Social Media Editor; Dr. Young, Media Contributor; Dr. Brodale, Membership & Public Engagement; Dr. Wheeler, Founder & Director; Dr. Edeen, Membership.

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES:**

The DRGO team has appeared on many pro-gun media and in mainstream media. We have published in numerous national media outlets and have represented our pro-rights position at medical specialty meetings as well as in the courts.

**CALL TO ACTION:** We are growing membership and building leadership teams and task forces. We are looking for health care professionals with demonstrated experience in:

- Published writing
- Analyzing research publications
- Interacting with the public on social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)
- Interfacing with news media
- Membership development
- Other team building and leadership experience

We invite you to explore our website at [DRGO.us](http://DRGO.us) and join us. Your \$35 membership is tax deductible and is voluntary.



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