



Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership

Advocacy and watchdog group confronting anti-gun bias in medicine

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Because firearms are *not* a public health issue

By providing scrutiny of policy and medical literature dealing with firearms ownership, use and misuse, DRGO is on guard against biased, agenda-motivated pseudoscience that would hinder gun ownership under the guise of legitimate research.

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.

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.

SOME OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS: DRGO leadership testified before the House Appropriations Committee in 1996, exposing the anti-gun propaganda of Centers for Disease Control (CDC) officials intended to undermine private gun ownership. This culminated in the prohibition of gun control advocacy by the CDC.

We have provided policy background and *amicus* briefs in Emerson (1999), Heller (2008), Peruta (2014-present), and Wollschlaeger v. Florida (2011-present).

Most recently, DRGO published a white paper, prepared by highly credentialed subject matter medical experts, that provides supporting information for the proposed Hearing Protection Act of 2017



DRGO leadership team at the 2015 Gun Rights Policy Conference. (L – R: Dr. Przebinda, Project Director; Dr. Young, Executive Editor; Dr. Brodale, Outreach Director; Dr. Wheeler, Founder & Director Emeritus; Dr. Edeen, Membership Director.)

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

DRGO experts have advocated for the Second Amendment in regional and national media such as Fox News, CBS News, National Review, The Washington Times and many other written, broadcast and online media. We host a blog with fresh content twice weekly and a vigorous social media presence.

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

- Published writing
- Analyzing research publications
- Social media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)
- Interfacing with news media
- Membership development

We invite you to explore our website at DRGO.us and join us. Your \$35 membership is tax deductible and is voluntary.



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