

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



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# Being Present: A Call to Action

Changes on National, Local Levels Prompt the Need for Increased Advocacy in Springfield

Nearing the end of my term as ICEP President, I look back with amazement at the dynamic nature of our health care system and the impact of health care reform.

From its inception, increased access to health care was perhaps the most prominent target within the Affordable Care Act timeline. Features included the prohibition against denial of insurance coverage based upon preexisting conditions, and allowing young adults to remain on their parents' or existing group plans until age 26.

As we approach the issues surrounding affordability, we see the difficult choices ahead. As in the past, emergency physicians will likely be the first to see the effects of rule-making and implementation as it occurs.

In order to ensure that access to Medicaid expands sufficiently to meet the anticipated higher patient volumes, the health care reform law requires the states to pay some physicians Medicaid fees that are at least equal to Medicare rates. The fee increase is federally funded and is estimated to raise the average Medicaid fees for ACA primary care services by an estimated 73%.

In January 2013, primary care physicians received a "raise" to care for Medicaid patients. Except under rare conditions, emergency physicians are specifically excluded from this payment.

In addition, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently approved a care coordination payment, from which emergency physicians are again excluded. The Primary Care & Care Coordination provision provides increased payments of 3-5% to primary care physicians and practitioners for "post discharge transitional care management."

Significant pressures are being placed on states to expand Medicaid and to implement the health care insurance exchanges. Illinois has committed to participating in the Health Insurance exchanges, and enrollment is scheduled to begin in October 2013.

According to estimates from the Governor's office, approximately 200,000 to 300,000 Illinois residents will obtain coverage through these newly established exchanges. The true impact on emergency department volumes is unknown. If experience in other states is a reliable indicator, then we are likely to see more patients.

On a more local level, the SMART Act (see 2012 EPIC, Volume 5: "The Illinois SMART

Act: Is the Devil in the Details?" for complete information) that was recently passed in Illinois mandates that 50-70% of Medicaid patients be placed into managed care/coordinated care entities by 2014. Many emergency physicians will remember the pre-approval days in emergency medicine. For "Managed Care Part 2", we will need to be vigilant and vocal once again to ensure appropriate implementation.

In addition to the implementation challenges from the ACA, the state of Illinois continues to struggle with a severe fiscal crisis. The complex nature of these issues might well engender some level of apathy or even cynicism. However, this is not the time to look the other way or adopt a wait-and-see attitude. One might argue that part of the reason things appear to be getting worse is due to an overall culture that has circumvented accountability.

ICEP has a long tradition of maintaining advocacy during difficult times. Our organization has played a significant role in the writing of the EMS Act in the 80s, and the passage of tort reform legislation in the 90s. Moreover, ICEP continues to be a strong patient advocate, working for legislation that improves quality and access to emergency medicine in Illinois and working to minimize proposals detrimental to good patient care.

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# Being Present: A Call to Action

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We appreciate more than most what it means to be present and engaged in the current effort; we experience the reality of this enterprise/struggle every day. It is important for us to step up during this difficult time in our state's history. Now more than ever, we need to pull together, speak above the noise of fiscal irresponsibility, and advocate for our patients and our specialty. The issues are not complex: access to psychiatric services, fair payment, and recognition of emergency services as the health care safety net.

We should not shy away from our responsibilities on a professional level. Today, a group of emergency physicians are travelling to Springfield to articulate those immediate needs on behalf of emergency physicians across the state. More importantly, we will be recognized as

citizens who expect more from our elected leaders, and as health care professionals who are passionate about providing quality patient care, standing firmly in our role as patient advocates.

Every opinion matters, every voice makes a difference. But our voice must be heard. We need emergency physicians from all types of practice environments to join us and talk with our elected officials about the impact of significant legislative initiatives pending or recently signed into law. Although you may not be attending EM Day today, you can get involved and contact your legislators about these issues. (See Page 6 for more about the issues and resources available to you.)

Our patients' stories are real and their impact

tangible. We represent the front line of health-care. Being present is not an option but a necessity for our patients and the specialty.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as ICEP president this past year. Special thanks and acknowledgment to our outstanding ICEP Executive Director, Ginny Kennedy Palys, the amazing ICEP staff, and a truly committed ICEP Board of Directors.

Yours truly,

**Heather M. Prendergast, MD, MBA, FACEP,  
ICEP President**

## Dr. Mila Felder Welcomed to ICEP Board of Directors

Mila Felder, MD, FACEP, was welcomed to the ICEP Board of Directors when she was elected by the Board to fill the vacancy left when Chad Kessler, MD, FACEP moved out of the chapter.



**Mila Felder,  
MD, FACEP**

Dr. Felder will serve out the remainder of Dr. Kessler's term, which expires next year.

Dr. Felder is an attending physician at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, and Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in Elmhurst.

She has served as the Chair of ICEP's Practice

Management Committee since 2009 and served on the Committee since 2006. She was elected by the Board to serve as one of ICEP's Councillors at the 2012 ACEP Council Meeting.

Dr. Felder did her residency at Advocate Christ Medical Center and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. She also completed the ultrasound fellowship program at Advocate Christ Medical Center. She is a graduate

of Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago.

## Redesigned ICEP.org Launched

If you haven't already, check out the redesigned ICEP website at ICEP.org. The new site was launched at the beginning of February and features a clean look and feel specifically designed to be easy to navigate.

The format allows members to find key information about educational programs, advocacy, membership, and more quickly and easily. The site is mobile optimized for all devices.



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# ICEP Board of Directors Voting to Open Online March 18

ACEP Member Number Will Be Needed to Cast Ballot

ICEP ballots to elect Board of Directors members will again be conducted electronically in 2013, following procedures identical to those in 2012.

ICEP's members will elect four Board members to serve three-year terms. In addition, one resident member will be elected to a one-year term on the Board by the College's candidate members.

Candidates standing for elections are:

#### Active Members

- Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACEP, FACOEP
- David Griffen, MD, PhD, FACEP (incumbent)
- Linda L. Herman, MD, FACEP
- Louis G. Hondros, DO
- Katherine A. Martens, MD, FACEP
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- Edward P. Sloan, MD, MPH, FACEP
- John W. Williams, MD, FACEP
- Leslie Zun, MD, FACEP (incumbent)

#### Resident Members

- Ashley N. Huff, MD
- John Moustoukas, MD

Here's an overview of the election process:

- All members with an email address registered with ICEP/ACEP will receive an email the morning of March 18 with instructions for voting and links to all websites.
- Members who do not have an email address registered, or who have requested a paper ballot, will receive their ballot by mail with a postage-paid envelope to return it to ICEP.
- If you would like to request a paper ballot, please contact Kate Blackwelder at 630-495-6400, ext. 205, or [kateb@icep.org](mailto:kateb@icep.org).
- Members will be given a direct link in the email to take them to the online voting platform. To log in, they will use their ACEP Member number (beginning with A) and their last name (as registered with ACEP).
- If you do not receive an email with voting instructions by March 18, please contact Kate Blackwelder for assistance. Your email server may block ICEP.org emails as spam.
- As an added protection to ensure you receive the email, consider adding [kateb@icep.org](mailto:kateb@icep.org) to your email Safe Senders List.
- If you have trouble logging in to the voting website, you may contact Kate Blackwelder

for assistance during regular business hours of 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. (You may vote online at any time, but assistance is only available during ICEP business hours.)

- The voting platform will be open from midnight March 18 until 11:59 PM April 17.
- Once you have logged into the voting platform, you will be able to view the slate of candidates, including their profiles, personal statements, and photos, to evaluate the candidates before submitting your vote.
- The online voting platform will allow you to submit your vote only one time. After you have voted, you may log in again but you will receive a message that your vote has already been received.
- After you have submitted your vote, you may print a voting report for your records.
- The online voting program automatically tallies the winners of each election and sends certified results to ICEP. The results of the election will be announced at the Spring Symposium's Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, May 2 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Feinberg Pavilion.

# Licensing Fee Increase Signed into Law, Effective Immediately

Last week, the House and Senate voted to pass SB 622, the state medical disciplinary fund bill which impacts physician licensure fees. The bill was signed into law on Monday.

The bill raises licensing fees for physicians from \$300 to \$700 until 2018, effective immediately. The fee will drop back to \$500 in 2018. Licenses will be valid for three years.

The bill also includes a temporary \$6.6 million transfer to the medical unit of the state's

licensing agency, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which will allow the unit to reverse recent staff reductions in order to begin processing licenses again. In January, the Department was forced to lay off 18 employees.

"I'm pleased that we were able to reach a bi-partisan solution which will allow the Department to continue to protect citizens from physicians who violate the Medical Practice Act and process physicians' licenses in a efficient and

timely manner," said Manuel Flores, Acting Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. "The passage of this bill will help ensure that Illinois can continue to attract the best physicians in the world."

Testimony on the House floor indicated that the processing delays will range from 30-45 days once the bill is signed into law.

Read the full text of the bill online at [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov) by searching "SB622".

# ICEP Calling for 2013 Committee Members

Friday, April 19 marks the deadline to submit applications to serve on ICEP committees in 2013.

Committee membership terms are one year, and most committees meet four times per year at the ICEP office in Downers Grove or by teleconference or video-conference.

Members who currently serve on committees must reapply if they wish to continue their committee membership. If reapplication is not received, members will be considered inactive on the committee and removed.

If you would like to be considered for a committee appointment, please complete the Committee Member Application online at [ICEP.org/2013committee](http://ICEP.org/2013committee). You will need to fill out the online application one time for each committee you choose to apply for. Applications must be completed electronically by midnight on April 19.

Notification of appointment will be made via email in early May.

Descriptions for ICEP's committees are included in the Committee Member Application.

## ICEP Committees

- Awards/Nominating
- Bylaws
- Educational Meetings
- EM Board Review Intensive Course
- EMS
- Finance
- ITLS Illinois Advisory
- Membership
- Patient & Physician Advocacy
- Practice Management
- Research

# Emergent Procedures Sim Registration Open

ICEP is again holding its popular Emergent Procedures Simulation Skills Lab course with the NorthShore Center for Simulation and Innovation.

The 2013 course dates are Monday, May 20 and Friday, November 1 at the NorthShore Center for Simulation and Innovation at Evanston Hospital.

Spaces are available for both course dates. Register online today at [ICEP.org/sim](http://ICEP.org/sim) to reserve your spot. Because the course is hands-on, space is limited.

The 9-hour course focuses on high-risk procedures that are seldom performed day-to-day in the emergency department because their clinical presentation is rare.



Participants are hands-on working with the most current simulation technologies for the full course, rotating in small groups through numerous modules that are organized into 4 topics: Airway, Cardiovascular, Pediatric/Obstetric, and Ultrasound. The faculty-to-participant ratio is small to ensure that participants get the personalized instruction and practice time they need to feel confident performing the skills.

# 2013 Spring Symposium Agenda Set

The 2013 Spring Symposium & Annual Business Meeting will be held Thursday, May 2, 2013 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Feinberg Pavilion. Here's a preview of the educational content on the agenda for this year's Spring Symposium:

Kevin M. Klauer, DO, FACEP will present "Dealing with Dogma: Challenging the Myths in Medicine," focusing on improving the quality and efficiency of care delivery and developing strategies to improve patient safety. Dr. Klauer is the Vice Speaker of the ACEP Council and Chief Medical Officer for Emergency Medicine Physicians (EMP).

Jaewon Ryu, MD, JD will discuss delivery systems and payment changes as it impacts emergency physicians, outlining evolving trends in health industry payment changes as well as components of value-based purchasing. Dr. Ryu is the Chief Medical Officer and Associate Vice President of Professional Practice at the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System in Chicago.

Matthew Pirotte, MD, winner of last year's NEXT Great Speaker Forum, will describe the problems of difficult vascular access and explore alternate routes of drug delivery, including intraosseous access, in his session, "Emergency Medicine Without an IV."

The program will also include the Statewide Research Showcase, a presentation of current research by Illinois investigators. Oral presentations will be given in a morning session, and research posters will be on display throughout the meeting.

A short presentation on the Illinois Heart Rescue Project will demonstrate this new initiative's purpose, its goals, and ways to become involved.

The Symposium will also include the Annual Business Meeting, during which the results of the Board of Directors elections are announced and ICEP's annual awards presented.

Registration for Spring Symposium is open online now at [ICEP.org/2013spring](http://ICEP.org/2013spring). Plan now to attend ICEP's premier member event for education and networking. The cost is \$95 for ICEP members and \$25 for residents. Medical students may attend at no charge.



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# 2013 EM Day Attendees to Tackle Issues

A group of ICEP members are convening at the Capitol in Springfield today for 2013 EM Day to meet with their state legislators and educate them on the top issues in emergency medicine in Illinois.

This year, Chicago area members had the opportunity to take a bus from the ICEP office to the Capitol to eliminate the drive.

ICEP is lobbying three primary issues at EM Day:

- Amendment to preserve prudent layperson language in the out of network law, Public Act 096-1523, through SB 1658
- Support of the implementation of telehealth tools, through SB 2366
- Opposition to independent practice of advanced practice nurses, through SB 73 and HB 1052

ICEP continues its efforts to amend the out of network law to preserve prudent layperson language. Without the amendment, the law continues to create a significant adverse effect on the fair payment of emergency physicians providing emergency services to patients who are out of network.

ICEP supports SB 2366, the telehealth bill, because of the cost-saving and health care-improvement ramifications that will result from the implementation of telehealth services. In particular, telepsychiatry in the emergency department has significant potential to change practice and improve ED throughput while improving access to care for psychiatric patients.

ICEP opposes the bills related to advanced practice nurses, SB 73 and HB 1052, because the bills seek to eliminate physician oversight for APNs. Advanced practice nurses and other mid-level providers are a vital resource to facilitate more efficient health care, but they do not have the training or experience that would warrant independent practice. It is important to maintain a requirement for physician supervision to ensure patients receive the highest standard of care.

ICEP has developed talking points on each of these topics that are posted to ICEP.org. Members are encouraged to contact their legislators about these issues even if they could not attend EM Day. For the talking points and additional resources, visit the Patient & Physician Advocacy Center at ICEP.org.

# Illinois Heart Rescue to Hold Stakeholder Meeting on Friday

Illinois Heart Rescue is holding its first stakeholder meeting and orientation on Friday, March 15 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Chicago Fire Academy.

All community organizations are encouraged to participate in this interactive meeting. At the meeting, Illinois Heart Rescue (ILHR) will highlight its accomplishments and report on the goals of the project.

ILHR is a collaborative effort among community leaders and members, health care professionals, emergency responders, and hospitals. The program's goal is to increase survival rates of sudden cardiac arrest throughout Illinois by more than 100% over the next five years. The program is coordinated by the Department of Emergency Medicine at University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences Sys-

tem in Chicago and led by ICEP members Terry Vanden Hoek, MD FACEP and Eric Beck, DO, NREMT-P.

A community breakout session will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, in which participants will be divided into three groups: Community, Pre-Hospital, and Hospital Spheres. During this session, the ILHR community sphere will offer a progress report and open the floor for a discussion to determine the project's action plan. Participation from a large variety of community partners is crucial to reach the goal of reducing cardiac arrest mortality rates by training every capable person in the community trained in bystander CPR and AED use. Even if you cannot attend the full day's event, you are encouraged to attend this session. RSVP by email to [ilheartrescue@gmail.com](mailto:ilheartrescue@gmail.com) or visit [Illinois-HeartRescue.com](http://Illinois-HeartRescue.com) for more information.

# Emergency Medicine Foundation Running Matching Campaign

The Emergency Medicine Foundation has launched a campaign to strengthen its impact by doubling contributions made to the fund.

Now through June 30, ACEP will match dollar-for-dollar every donation to EMF up to \$1 million to launch EMF's first-ever endowment to fund research and education efforts. This endowment will ensure the future of EM research and health policy.

The matching campaign started in July 1, 2012 and continues until June 30, 2013, in recognition of EMF's 40th anniversary.

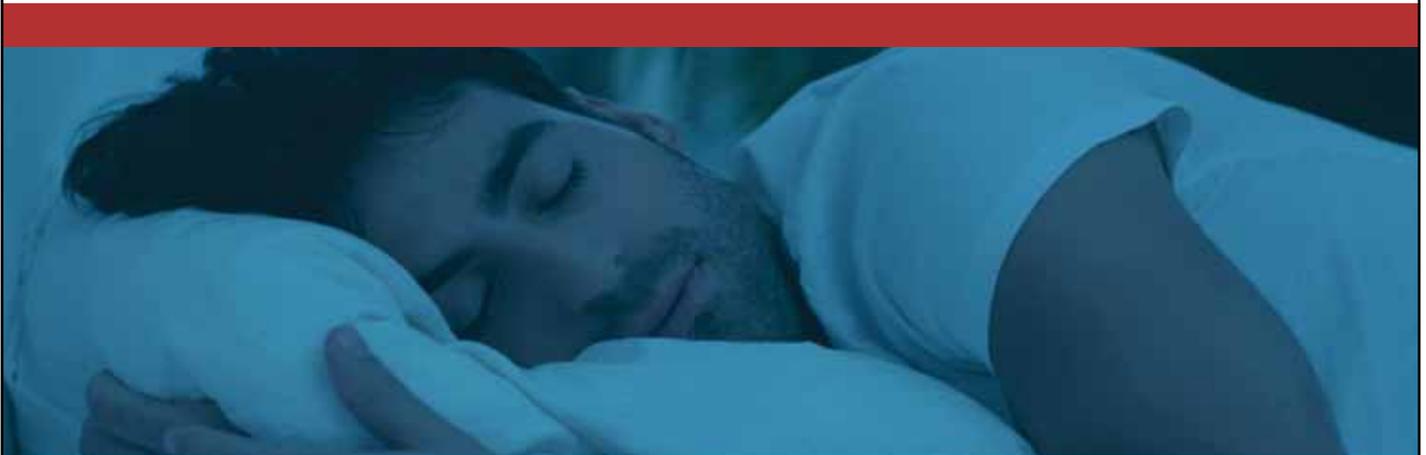
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As an oral board faculty member, you will present single or multiple case simulations to candidates in strict oral board exam format and provide feedback on their performance. The honorarium is \$200 per course day.

ICEP's Oral Board Review courses are held at the Chicago O'Hare Marriott Hotel and run from approximately 7:45 am to 6:15 pm with coffee and lunch breaks.

Faculty is also needed for the fall course dates, which are Thursday and Friday, September 12 and 13, 2013.



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# ACEP Announces Web Game to Teach Families Disaster Prep Strategies

ACEP recently partnered with Legacy Games to release a free, web-based computer game designed to teach families how to prepare for all types of hazards or emergencies. The game was developed as part of a grant administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In the game, called Disaster Hero, the player takes the role of a contestant in a high-tech game show, competing against a computer opponent to prove his or her disaster knowledge and preparedness skills for a chance to be named the next "Disaster Hero!"

The game can be played online at [disaster-hero.com](http://disaster-hero.com).

The game is geared to multiple audiences, including children, teens, parents, caregivers, and teachers to focus on what to do before, during, and after a disaster. It and the associated website emphasize having an emergency

plan, getting an emergency kit and being informed. Players are encouraged to learn about the types of disasters that can occur in their geographic region or state. The most common natural disasters — earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes — are used to teach the preparedness steps and to help users know how to prepare and what to do during and after an event.

The game includes a variety of different genres, tailored to the specific type of educational content to be conveyed. For example, arcade and puzzle gameplay is used to teach how to prepare for a possible natural disaster and how to stay safe afterward. Along the way, players will be quizzed on the information presented through gameplay. Points, trophies, and achievements are earned throughout the experience and displayed on the Disaster Hero website, along with additional downloadable learning activities targeted to teachers and parents.

# National ACEP Committee Interest Form Available Now Until May 17

Are you interested in serving on an ACEP committee? Committee interest for FY 2013-14 is now open. Various ACEP publications will outline the process for members and information is also on the ACEP Web site.

Members interested in serving on a committee, and who are not currently serving on a national committee, must submit a completed committee interest form and CV by May 17, 2013.

The CV and any letters of support from the chapter can be attached to the online application form (preferred), emailed to Mary Ann Fletcher at [mfletcher@acep.org](mailto:mfletcher@acep.org), or mailed to Mary Ann Fletcher at ACEP headquarters.

The online application form is available here. You will be asked for your log in and password if you are not currently logged into ACEP.org.

The committee selection process will occur in mid-June and applicants will be notified by the end of July. Members chosen to serve on committees will serve a minimum of one year, beginning with the committee's organizational meeting held during the Scientific Assembly in Seattle, October 14-17, 2013. (Funding is not provided to attend the organizational meeting.)

Please note: Current committee members DO NOT need to complete a committee interest form. Current committee members will soon receive the annual committee evaluation form and will have the opportunity to indicate their preferences for next year.

For the FY 2012-13 committee cycle, ICEP had 25 members serving on 11 ACEP committees.

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The program will discuss a number of topics including: current pediatric pain management, evidence-based pediatric pain interventions, pain myths, pain physiology, development of pediatric pain policies and protocols, and quality improvement. It is intended for health care professionals (physicians, nurses, mid-level and prehospital providers) to further enhance the care of children in their own settings.

This educational activity is approved for 2 continuing education hours. Continuing education hours have been approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety. Course expiration date is January 31, 2014.

Non-Illinois health care professionals should verify with their State to confirm acceptance of CE approved by another state department of health.

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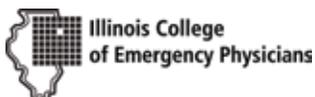
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## ICEP Calendar *of* Events 2013

**March 13, 2013**

**ICEP EM Day: Get on the Bus - Mobilization and Advocacy**  
 Bus departs ICEP Office in Downers Grove at 8:00 A.M. and returns at 7:00 P.M.

**March 18, 2013**

**ICEP Finance Committee**  
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
 ICEP Board Room  
 Downers Grove

**March 18, 2013**

**ICEP Board of Directors**  
 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
 ICEP Board Room  
 Downers Grove

**March 19, 2013**

**Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IVs Hands-On Workshop**  
 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
 ICEP Conference Center  
 Downers Grove

**March 20, 2013**

**ICEP Emergency Medicine Board Review Intensive Committee**  
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 ICEP Board Room  
 Downers Grove

**March 26, 2013**

**ICEP Research Committee**  
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
 ICEP Board Room  
 Downers Grove

**March 27, 2013**

**ICEP Membership Committee Conference Call**  
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
 Call-in 1-800-944-8766  
 Access code 28574

**April 9-10, 2013**

**Oral Board Review Courses**  
 Chicago O'Hare Marriott  
 Chicago

**April 17, 2013**

**Last Day to Vote for ICEP Board of Directors**  
 Online at [ICEP.org/vote](http://ICEP.org/vote)

**May 2, 2013**

**Spring Symposium & Annual Business Meeting**  
 Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
 Chicago

**May 14, 2013**

**EM4LIFE 2011 LLSA Article Review Course**  
 ICEP Conference Center  
 Downers Grove

**May 20, 2013**

**Emergent Procedures Simulation Skills Lab**  
 NorthShore Center for Simulation & Innovation  
 Evanston Hospital  
 Evanston

**May 22, 2013**

**ICEP EMS Committee**  
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
 ICEP Board Room  
 Downers Grove

**May 22, 2013**

**EMS Forum**  
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
 ICEP Conference Center  
 Downers Grove

**May 23, 2013**

**EM4LIFE 2012 LLSA Article Review Course**  
 ICEP Conference Center  
 Downers Grove

**May 27, 2013**

**Office Closed  
 Memorial Day Holiday**

**June 3, 2013**

**ICEP Finance Committee**  
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
 ICEP Board Room  
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