ACEP 2020 Update  
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ACEP Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Reform and improve the delivery system for acute care

Goal 2: Enhance member value and engagement

ACEP Membership

Your Peer Network is Growing
Membership Growth Through the Years

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ACEP Membership

Age Breakdown

Gender Breakdown

National and Chapter Representation

Members have a valued voice at both levels

ACEP collaborates with its 53 chapters to make sure we present a unified voice as we advocate for emergency physicians and grow the profession.

VALUABLE PARTNERSHIP

BETTER TOGETHER

Chapter Breakdown
ACEP Committees, Powered by Volunteers

- Academic Affairs Committee
- Audit Committee
- Awards Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Clinical Emergency Data Registry (CEDR) Committee
- Clinical Policies Committee
- Clinical Resources Review Committee (Coding & Nomenclature Advisory Committee)
- Compensation Committee
- Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee
- Educator Committee
- EM/Prehospital Committee
- EMS Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Federal Government Affairs Committee
- Finance Committee
- Health Innovation Technology Committee (HITC)
- International Emergency Medicine Committee
- Medical-Legal Committee
- Membership Committee
- National Chapter Relations Committee
- Pediatric EM Committee
- Public Health & Injury Prevention Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Quality & Patient Safety Committee
- Reimbursement Committee
- Research Committee
- State Legislative/Regulatory Committee
- Well-Being Committee

ACEP Current Task Forces

- Rural Health
- Future of Emergency Medicine
- EM Group Ownership

ACEP Sections:
Resources Tailored to Your Interests

34,375 total section members

Largest sections:
1. Young Physicians: 15,800
2. International: 2,279
3. Women Emergency Physicians: 1,817
4. Emergency Ultrasound: 1,408
5. Critical Care: 1,191

NEW: Telemedicine
COVID Response Highlights

- COVID Clinical Alerts and COVID-19 Field Guide
- Online discussion communities for real-time sharing of best practices, socioeconomic issues and wellness
- Calls, emails, virtual visits and dogged pursuit of Congressional and regulatory leaders weekly, daily and, in some cases, hourly to:
  - Fight for your compensation as part of the CARES Act
  - Slow movement on surprise billing legislation
  - Update Congressional leaders and staff on COVID and your needs
- Demanded PPE for you at the White House, with Congress, among the public and used our network to partner with getusppe.org to expedite the production and delivery of PPE
- Brokered deals worth millions of dollars of donated or discounted hotel rooms, meals, pet sitters, childcare and more practical items
- Coordinated a virtual concert with GrubHub with thousands of free meals to given to members

Ongoing Advocacy Efforts

- Seeking solutions to surprise billing
- A leading voice on the opioid crisis
- Addressing workplace violence in the ED
- Clarifying burdensome regulations
- Developing alternative payment models

Surprise Billing Battle

ACEP Supports H.R. 5826: “Consumer Protection Against Surprise Medical Bills Act
- Recognizes the need for a mediation process with no qualifying threshold

Details and timeline: acap.org/surprise-billing
Workplace Violence in the ED

- Worked with Rep. Joe Courtney to develop the bipartisan “Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act”
  - Requires certain employers to develop and implement plans to prevent violence against health care workers
  - acep.org/EDsafety

- Partnering with ENA for a public awareness campaign “No Silence on ED Violence”
  - Share your story using #StopEDviolence
  - www.stopEDviolence.org

Received funding for ALTO, POWER

- March 2018: Alternatives to Opioids in the ED (ALTO) Act approved

- December 2019: Congressional miracle! ALTO received $5 million in 2020 funding, and the Preventing Overdoses While in Emergency Rooms (POWER) Act received $4 million

- Next: Seek full funding in 2021

Details and timeline:
acep.org/opioids

Let’s Eat!

ACEP worked with The Joint Commission to clarify that eating and drinking in ED workstations is permissible.

Resources to help you advocate at your hospital available at www.acep.org/letseat
Alternative Payment Models

ACEP developed the first EM-specific alternative payment model, the Acute Unscheduled Care Model.

HHS believes core concepts of AUCM should be into APMs developed by CMS, and ACEP has started a new initiative to help Medicaid and private payors decide whether APMs are right for them.

Resources related to AUCM are available at acep.org/APM.

Medicare Reimbursement Win

- 2020 Physician Fee Schedule increased value of EM codes as a result of month of behind-the-scenes work by ACEP members and staff

State Advocacy - 2019

- Helped the Pennsylvania chapter achieve a significant victory when a large health plan backed off plans to impose an aggressive process for down-coding claims and clawing back previously paid claims
- Helped Oklahoma leaders respond to (and eventually defeat) HB 1053, a negative bill regulating out-of-network reimbursement
- Assisted Indiana in the development of talking points to address a nurse practitioner independent practice bill
- Worked with the Rhode Island chapter on its response to Department of Health complaints related to self-reported EHR errors
- Helped the Mississippi chapter response to personal liability protection (PLP) challenges by Blue Cross Blue Shield
Quality Measure Development and Defense

- Sepsis bundle
- NQF chief complaint measures
- Appropriate use criteria
- MIPS/MACRA compliance through CEDR and quality measures
- ED throughput/wait-time measures

Improving Patient Care

Policies In Development
- Community-Acquired Pneumonia (seeking Board approval in June)
- Opioids (seeking Board approval in June)
- Appendicitis (first draft in development)
- Acute Heart Failure Syndromes (preparing literature to be graded)
- Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (preparing first review of literature)
- Blunt Trauma (critical questions being reviewed by Board)
- Airway Management (critical questions being developed)

New clinical policy in 2019:
- "Critical Issues in the Evaluation and Management of Adult Patients Presenting to the ED with Acute Headache"

emPOC: ACEP app with five bedside tools, FREE for members. Download via iTunes or Google Play.

ADEPT - A tool for managing sepsis in the ED
ICARE - A tool for managing acute pain in the ED
MAP - A tool for managing acute pain in the ED
Advancing Patient Care Together

ACEP hosted a collaborative summit to discuss the future of healthcare IT in acute care.

- Data acquisition
- AI
- Data transparency
- Population health
- Quality initiatives
- Policy
- Advocacy
- Predictive modeling
- Data-driven networks

View the HIT Summit summary paper at acep.org/HITsummit.

ACTIONABLE & ASPIRATIONAL:

Coalition to Oppose Medical Merit Badges

ACEP has longstanding policy stating that board certified emergency physicians should not be required to take short course medical merit badges.

- ACLS
- APLS
- PALS
- ATLS

“The Coalition finds no rational justification to require medical merit badges for board-certified emergency physicians who maintain their board certification. Our committed professional organizations provide the best opportunities for continuous professional development, and medical merit badges dismiss the quality of those educational efforts.”

Because of ACEP, you no longer need to take ATLS each year and do 15 hours of CME to work in a Level I Trauma Center.

ACEP | AAEM | AAEM/RSA | ABEM | ACEP/AOBEM | AACEM | CORD | EMRA | SAEM
Improving Patient Care

111 sites accredited in U.S.
1 site accredited in Spain

Clinical Ultrasound Accreditation
44 sites accredited
7 under review

Launched 2020

Until Help Arrives

- Training course curriculum and supplies for emergency medical professionals to train civilians in basic first responder skills
  - Severe bleeding control
  - Hands-only CPR
  - Scene safety
  - 911 communication

Learn more and sign up: untilhelparrives.org

Workforce Initiatives

- Are we training the right number of emergency physicians? With the right skills?
- Supervision and scope of practice of NPs and PAs?
- What is the role of telemedicine?
- What is the future role of EMS?

EM Workforce Task Force
Scope of Practice Task Force
Emergency Telemedicine Section
EMS-Prehospital Care Section
Henry Wang, MD, MS, is editor-in-chief of JACEP Open, an open-access EM research journal that published its first full issue in February 2020.

Jeremy Faust, MD, MS, MA, is the new medical editor-in-chief of ACEP Now.

ACEP Board - Diverse and Inclusive

- 79% male, 21% female
- Settings represented:
  - 8 academic
  - 4 small group
  - 4 large group
  - 2 military

Leadership Development

- Emergency Department Directors Academy
- Reimbursement/Coding/RUC Fellowship
- AMA leadership grid
- LAC2020 Leadership Program
ACEP Financials - Revenue

Total Revenue $43,011,877

ACEP Financials - Expenses

Education & Membership
- Includes all educational products and eCME, Member Services, IT, Corporate Relations, Communications, Marketing, Educational Meetings (including ACEP19), and Grants

Policy & Administrative
- Includes EM Practice Management, Chapter Services, Finance, Human Resources, Legal, Office Services, and Grants

Public Affairs
- Includes Congressional Affairs, Federal Affairs, NEMPAC, Public Relations

CEDR/Quality
- Includes CEDR, Quality-related grants (E-QUAL, etc.), and Quality

Leadership
- Includes Board, Council, Committees, and Executive Management

Social Media

PROS
- Immediate
- Anyone can comment

CONS
- Say anything
  - Anonymous
  - No accountability
Crisis Communications Plan

• Action Team of members who can respond on peer-to-peer issues
• Staff monitoring social media channels for trends and concerns
• Swift response when necessary

Questions?