

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A Message from ICEP's New 2021 President



**Christine Babcock,
MD, FACEP**

I hope you are all enjoying a summer filled with family, friends, activities, and a bit of the normalcy we have all been craving for the past eighteen months. The ability to connect with others again safely has provided a much-needed boost in my personal wellness.

Unfortunately, as we are all aware, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our professional practices and personal lives. As we live with the new Delta variant, we re-don our PPE, keep those masks on, and tirelessly care for our Emergency Department patients infected with COVID-19. Luckily, this time around we are armed with better therapies and best practices to effectively care for our patients. However, this doesn't make the task any less challenging and exhausting for providers. As an organization ICEP continues to focus on advocating for front line health care workers. ICEP stands with ACEP as we continue to advocate for physician wellness, early access to booster vaccines for Emergency Physicians and physician safety in the workplace.

As you are all aware, our patient volumes for non-COVID related illness are returning and, in some places, eclipsing pre-COVID numbers. Many of us are also re-experiencing the challenge of overcrowded hospitals and Emergency Departments. ICEP has taken the lead through a collaborative approach of both community and academic hospitals in the greater Chicagoland

area to work collectively on best practices to improve patient access and throughput in the ED. The ICEP Practice Management Committee created a group called the "Chicago ED Leaders," led by ICEP member Tom Spiegel, MD, FACEP which includes approximately forty active hospital members. As we move into this new normal of increasing patient volumes, a continued COVID-19 presence, and increasing patient acuity, communication and collaboration are key to providing the highest quality care to all patients. ICEP is taking the lead on this initiative in the Chicagoland area and plans to expand statewide in the future.

In addition to advocacy and patient care delivery best practices, ICEP also continues as a nationwide leader in providing high quality education products for its members. Throughout the past year as the world pivoted to online and virtual learning platforms, ICEP was able to maintain many of its courses and also augment others in the virtual format. Perhaps the most notable is the ICEP Oral Board Review Course led by ICEP member Deborah Weber, MD, FACEP. As ABEM changed its oral board examination to a virtual format, ICEP followed suite and now hosts the only virtual oral board review course in the nation, which has routinely sold out. This high-quality education endeavor would not be possible without the participation of the ICEP Education Committee and other members who serve as faculty. I commend Deb Weber for all of her tireless work.

Throughout this upcoming academic year, I look forward to working as a team to balance our education endeavors, patient care activities,

agility related to COVID-19 and the new challenges associated with care delivery and provider safety at the local and state level. I am also proud to announce that at the national level two members of ICEP will be running for leadership positions at the upcoming ACEP Academic Assembly in Boston. Henry Pitzele, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past-President of ICEP, is running for a Member-at-Large position on the American College of Emergency Physicians Board of Directors. In addition, Kurtis Mayz, JD, MD, MBA, FACEP is running for Vice Speaker of the Council of the American College of Emergency Physicians. ICEP proudly supports both of these outstanding members and recognizes them for their tireless work and advocacy on behalf of Illinois Emergency Medicine physicians. Best of luck Henry and Kurtis!

In closing, I am humbled by the opportunity to represent and work side by side with a gritty, strong, resilient, and innovative group of Illinois Emergency Physicians. To be successful we need to listen to and hear all voices. If you have any thoughts, reflections, areas for improvement, advocacy challenges, or new ideas please reach out. Even better, get involved! Join a committee, start a new committee, volunteer to teach, send an email with your ideas, sign up for a course, or shoot me a text. The brighter minds we have working together to solve our state's challenges the better. I am looking forward to a great year together as we learn to navigate our new normal in Emergency Medicine and continue to work tirelessly on behalf of our patients.

— **Christine Babcock, MD, FACEP**
ICEP President

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The American Dream and Promise Act Judiciary Committee Hearing from Dr. Manuel Bernal Mejia



Last month, the Senate Judiciary Committee invited me to testify in support of the American Dream Act and Promise Act, a bill that would allow certain individuals, like myself, who are DACA recipients an opportunity to obtain permanent residency and eventually earn U.S. citizenship. Before discussing my experience, a few definitions are warranted. DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, is a discretionary policy issued by the Obama Administration that defers the deportation of eligible undocumented individuals brought to this country as children and grants a two year period of lawful presence in the United States as well as two year work permits, which must be renewed on a 2-year basis. When former President Obama issued DACA in 2012, it was intended to be a temporary fix while Congress worked towards a permanent legislative solution. However, since its passage, Congress has repeatedly failed to pass any legislative piece addressing DACA. Instead, the DACA program has faced extensive judicial scrutiny in federal courts, as well as multiple attempts to end DACA by the previous administration. Despite this, DACA still remains in place and thus a permanent solution by Congress is still desperately needed.

When I was asked by Senator Dick Durbin's team to testify in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I was at first somewhat apprehensive, afterall, sharing my story on a national stage does add a component of vulnerability and exposure to sensitive aspects of my life. Additionally, as an emergency medicine physician, I am by no means an immigration policy expert. Nevertheless, I decided to forge ahead and testify.

The testimony I delivered was the story of my journey of becoming an emergency medicine physician as an undocumented person and DACA beneficiary after immigrating to the United States at the age of two. Undoubtedly, I faced numerous barriers in my path to becoming an emergency medicine physician. In high school and college, I worked hard on my education as a means to empower my future despite the limitations associated with my undocumented status. In the years prior to the institution of DACA, it seemed like my dreams of becoming a physician would be near impossible despite my hardwork, as most medical schools would

not consider undocumented students eligible for enrollment. DACA changed everything for me. It allowed me to enroll at the Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, the first medical school in the nation to proudly open its doors to candidates with DACA status. I also spoke about my emergency medicine residency training during the COVID-19 pandemic, about how I took care of a too high to count number of critically ill COVID-19 patients, all while fearing the possibility of deportation because the previous administration was working relentlessly to dismantle DACA. I told the senators that despite how much DACA has facilitated my success as ER doctor, it is only a bandaid, a temporary fix, and a permanent legislative solution is direly needed.

In emergency medicine, we take care of a diverse group of patients, including immigrant patients some, while not always known to us, undocumented. As a physician, society has given me a platform to serve as an advocate for my patients no matter how large the stage. And although true that most DACA recipients are not physicians like myself, we all contribute to this country in our own way. I testified not only for myself, but on behalf of thousands of DACA recipients in our country in search of a more permanent solution. A permanent solution that will empower, not only our vulnerable undocumented patients but also our undocumented healthcare colleagues who work, often silently among us.

Dr. Mejia is a 2021 graduate of the Christ Emergency Medicine Residency and is now practicing at Sound Physicians in Rockford, IL.

[Click here](#) to watch Dr. Manuel Bernal Mejia give his testimony on June 15, 2021.

Photo details: Manuel Bernal Mejia, MD testifying in support of the American Dream Act and Promise Act



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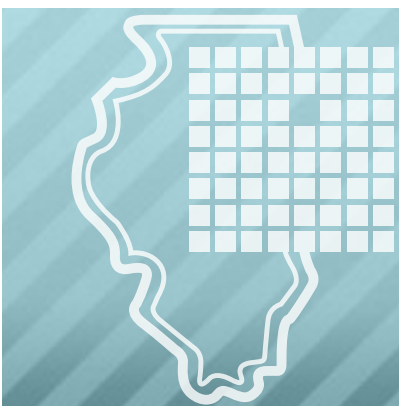
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Let's face it: Life after residency brings a new set of challenges. ICEP's Resident Career Day focuses on giving you the tools you need to meet these challenges head on and turn them into opportunities.

For more information and where to register head over to <https://www.icep.org/cme-conference/resident-career-day/>

Updates from American College of Emergency Physicians

Webinar: Rural Emergency Medicine: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed

Host: Rural Emergency Medicine Section
August 20, 2021 | 3:00 PM CT | [Register here](#)

Leaders of ACEP's Rural Section will be giving an update on current hot topics regarding rural emergency medicine. Many see rural America as the new frontier for EM workforce, and there is truth to that, but the issue is much more complex and nuanced than it may seem. Please join Drs. Scott Findley, Ashley Kochanek Weisman, and Stephen Jameson as they update ACEP sections and state chapters on rural EM workforce, Council resolutions to expand EM physician opportunities and improve rural ED patient care, rural health political initiatives, and the collaboration efforts that are underway with our NP, PA, and non-EM trained physician colleagues. There will be opportunity for Q&A during this 90-minute session as well.

Featured News:

Senate Passes Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act
ACEP is pleased to announce that early Friday morning, the Senate approved S. 610, the "Dr.

Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act." This comes on the heels of hundreds of ACEP members joining together to lobby for this legislation during last month's Leadership & Advocacy Conference, conducting 287 meetings with legislators and staff from 44 states. [Read more details and view next steps.](#)

EM Physician Workforce of the Future:

- The EM Workforce Report Session from the recent Leadership & Advocacy Conference [is now available](#). Listen in as ACEP leaders discuss the data & next steps.
- The Young Physicians Section [hosted a Q&A session](#) with ACEP President Elect Dr. Gillian Schmitz and EMRA President Elect Dr. Angela Cai, asking workforce-related questions submitted by YPS members.
- ["The Emergency Medicine Physician Workforce: Projections for 2030"](#) was recently published in Annals of Emergency Medicine.
- New ACEP Policy Statement: [Emergency Medicine Workforce](#)
- Get the latest workforce updates at www.acep.org/workforce.

New ACEP Policy Statement & Information Paper:

- [Definition of Emergency Medicine Residency](#)
- [Medication Therapy for Psychiatric Crisis Events](#)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines:

August 18: [White House Conversation: Health Systems, Providers and the COVID-19 Vaccination Effort](#) (11 am CT)
August 20: [COVID-19 Variants: What Emergency Physicians Need to Know](#)
August 25: [Medical School Loans and the CARES Act: What You Need to Know](#)
August 30: [Rural Emergency Medicine: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed](#)
September 23: [Dental 101 for ED Physicians \(Webinar\)](#)
October 25-28: ACEP21 in Boston — [REGISTRATION IS OPEN!](#) Use promo code ACEP-21CHAP for \$100 off the in-person meeting price.

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IDPH Launches Online ‘Vax Verify’ System

Check your COVID-19 vaccination record on new immunization portal

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is launching a new immunization portal, Vax Verify, that will allow Illinois residents 18 years and older to check their COVID-19 vaccination record. Vax Verify can be accessed at <https://idphportal.illinois.gov>.

“As more businesses, events, organizations, and others require proof of vaccination, Illinois residents will be able to confirm using Vax Verify that they have been vaccinated for COVID-19,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “With the current surge in cases, more people are making the decision to get a COVID-19 vaccine and this new tool will aid residents in confirming their vaccination where needed.”

Illinois State Fair concert goers with tickets for the grandstand track area (also known as Standing Room Only) are required to provide a print

or digital copy of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the previous 72 hours. Ticket holders can register in Vax Verify to check their immunization record for documentation of COVID-19 vaccination.

More and more companies, such as United, Google, Netflix, Morgan Stanley, Saks Fifth Avenue, [Ascension Health](#), and Lyft, are instituting vaccine requirements for at least some of their employees.

The verification system follows best practices to protect confidential health information. In order to download proof of vaccination, residents will go through a brief, one-time identity verification process to gain access to their immunization history. The State of Illinois utilizes Experian® as its identity verification service provider. Individuals who have placed a freeze on their credit will need to unfreeze their credit

with Experian® and wait 24 hours before completing the registration process. After completing registrations, individuals can re-freeze their credit by contacting Experian®.

After the verification process, individuals can see their own record in the Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange (I-CARE).

Immunization records are kept confidential and only the individual can access their vaccination history. Parents should talk with their child’s provider to confirm their vaccination status. Some individuals with very common names will need to take additional steps to securely prove their identities.

Go to vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233 to find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you.

Congratulations to All Those Newly Elected!

The results of the ICEP Board of Directors elections were also announced, and the officers for the 2021-2022 term were elected.

New Officers:

Christine Babcock, MD, FACEP
Napoleon Knight, MD, MBA, FACEP, FAAPL
Jason Kegg, MD, FACEP
Howie Mell, MD, MPH, CPE FACEP
Donna Okoli, MD - *Resident Member*

Re-Elected Board Members:

Scott Heinrich, MD, FACEP
Jason Kegg, MD, FACEP
Willard W. Sharp, MD, PhD, FACEP

New Councillors:

Chrissy Babcock, MD, FACEP
Amit Arwindekar, MD, MBA, FACEP
Napoleon Knight, MD, MBA, FACEP, FAAPL
Howie Mell, MD, MPH, CPE, FACEP
Henry Pitzele, MD, FACEP
Cai Glushak, MD, FACEP
Janet Lin, MD, MPH, MBA, FACEP
Jason Kegg, MD, FACEP
Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov, MD, MS, FACEP
Kurtis Mayz, MD, JD, FACEP
Ernie Wang, MD, FACEP
Shu Chan, MD, MS, FACEP
John Hafner, MD, MPH, FACEP
Chris McDowell, MD, MBA, MS, FACEP



New Alternates:

Scott Heinrich, MD, FACEP
Will Sharp, MD, PhD, FACEP
Regina Royan, MD, MPH
Brad Bunney, MD
Adnan Hussain, MD
John Moustoukus, MD, MBA, FACEP
Halleh Akbarnia, MD
Ben Feinzimer, DO, MS
George Hevesy, MD
Deb Weber, MD, FACEP
Laura Napier, MD

Outgoing president Henry Pitzele, MD, FACEP passing over the virtual gavel to current president Christine Babcock, MD, FACEP on zoom in May 2021.

Pritzker Administration Announces \$13 Million Investment to Expand Access to Life Saving Medication in Opioid Crisis Fight

CHICAGO — The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) announced today that it is making naloxone more readily available to reverse the effect of opioid overdoses impacting people across the state with opioid use disorder. IDHS is investing nearly \$13m aimed at fighting the opioid epidemic through expanding access to this lifesaving medication. Increasing access to Naloxone is one of multiple harm reduction strategies IDHS is utilizing to support people experiencing the disease of addiction and addressing record numbers of fatalities. In 2020, there were 2,944 opioid overdose deaths in Illinois, a 33% increase from 2019.

“Opioid overdoses have claimed the lives of too many Illinoisans, robbing friends, families, and entire communities of cherished loved ones. As part of the administration’s ongoing efforts to fight back against the crisis, I’m pleased to announce today that the Department of Human Services is expanding access to the life-saving medication Naloxone,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “With this \$13 million investment, the State is making it easier for those in need to get this medicine, providing medical providers with a critical tool that can help save lives.”

“These dollars will allow increased access to this lifesaving medication for people who are experiencing an overdose. Our priority at IDHS is to increase opportunities to save lives. As part of the State’s goals and objectives laid out in the State’s Overdose Action Plan, we are making every effort to ensure this medication, that can make a difference for so many, is widely available. “ said Grace B. Hou, Secretary, IDHS. “During COVID-19, we have continued to address the opioid crisis and feel confident that this action will help us strengthen our substance use programs to fight this epidemic.”

These funds will support the work of providers across the state, especially organizations doing community outreach work to connect with persons who are at risk of an overdose, their friends, and loved ones. Funds will also augment the work of hospitals treating patients experiencing opioid overdose as they link patients with treatment programs in their communities.

This funding will also support first responders and other community partners in their efforts to widen the availability of the overdose reversal medication naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan. The project will allow Illinois to increase its capacity to identify and report timely, comprehensive syndromic surveillance data on fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses.

Expanding access to the medication is part of the State’s 2021 State Overdose Action Plan (SOAP). State agency workgroups and members of the Governor’s Opioid Overdose Prevention and Recovery Steering Committee reviewed and prioritized recommendations. Prioritization factors included determining what recommendations: (1) are most important and will have the greatest impact on reducing overdoses (2) can be implemented now or in the near future, and (3) align with current State and/or agency strategic goals.

“Communities across Illinois have seen an increase in preventable fatal heroin/opioid deaths due to the raise in the availability of fentanyl, to increase access to a drug that saves lives is a smart use of taxpayers’ money. Naloxone is a miracle drug and like every household has access to a smoke detector everyone household should have access to this medicine, and this investment will help make that possible,” said Representative LaShawn K. Ford (D-Chicago). “Gov JB Pritzker and Sec. Grace Hou should be commended for their plan to combat the heroin problem in Illinois and for their ongoing work with community organization to help save lives in our state.”

“Investments made toward this treatment to combat the opioid crisis will save lives,” said Senator Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago). “The ongoing epidemic has needed increased efforts for quite some time, and our state has seen a violent increase in overdoses over the course of the pandemic. This is a giant leap toward saving lives and changing the trajectory for drug treatment and prevention.”

“In DuPage County and all over the State of Illinois, we have been losing loved ones to the opi-

oid crisis. Eliminating these barriers to obtaining Narcan are relatively simple fixes that can have an outsize impact on saving lives,” said Representative Deb Conroy (D-Elmhurst). “Access to this medicine means a person who had an opioid use disorder and suffers an overdose can survive, giving them a new opportunity to conquer their illness and rebuild their lives.”

“Narcan is as essential as having a working fire alarm in your home. The overdose crisis is killing at least 10 Illinoisans or 250 Americans every single day. That’s more than car crashes, homicides, or suicides,” said Senator Melinda Bush (D-Grayslake).“Thanks to IDHS expanding access, organizations like Live4Lali can distribute it to anyone anytime for free. Overdose is preventable and reversible. This is a huge advancement in our fight to save our lives.”

Naloxone is an opioid antagonist used for the treatment of overdose from opioids, such as heroin and fentanyl. In the U.S., the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) lists naloxone as a prescription drug. However, in several other countries, such as Italy and Australia, naloxone can be bought over the counter (OTC). The drug is completely safe and can be administered through a nasal spray, or with an intramuscular injection. The intranasal naloxone product, Narcan, can be administered by anyone (non-medical professionals), and friends and loved ones of persons using drugs are encouraged to have Narcan on hand. Organizations, wishing to order Narcan through this program, can go to www.dhs.state.il.us/AccessNarcan to begin the process.

If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use, call the State’s Helpline for Opioids and other Substances at 1-833-234-6343, text “HELP” to 833234, or visit HelplineIL.org.



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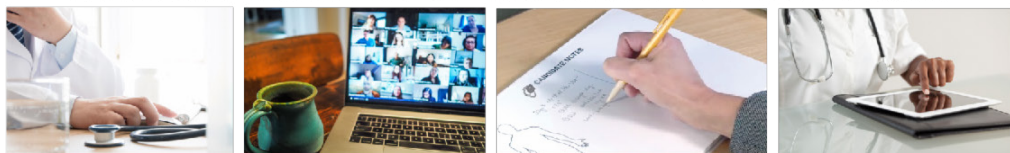
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Course Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

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ABEM LLSA CME Activities:

ABEM offers its diplomates LLSA CME activity opportunities associated with the LLSA exam. The cost is \$30 per activity. Participants are required to register for the LLSA CME and test separately through ABEM MOC online. Physicians must register for the CME activity prior to taking the LLSA exam. Visit ABEM.org for more information.

Course Director:

Deborah E. Weber, MD, FACEP

Emeritus Faculty, Department of Emergency Medicine, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge; Author of "Questions for Board Preparation in Emergency Medicine (Editions I, II & Slide Review)", Author of "EM4LIFE – Emergency Medicine LLSA Article Review and CME Program (Editions 2004-2011)", Author of "EM4LIFE – Emergency Medicine LLSA Article Review Pearls – 2012-2021", Co-author of "Preparing for the Oral Board Exam in Emergency (Editions IV, V, VI and VII)" and Managing Editor of "Preparing for the Written Board Exam in Emergency Medicine (Editions I, II,

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Due to the rising numbers in COVID-19 cases location is subject to change. Course may move to online (zoom). Updates will be sent out via email and on the ICEP website.

To register and learn more click the link below:

<https://www.icep.org/cme-conference/llsa-article-review/>

Award Winners Announced at Spring Symposium

Awards were handed out to the following:

Valerie J. Phillips, MD, FACEP - Bill B. Smiley Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Valerie J. Phillips is an emergency medicine physician in Bolingbrook, Illinois and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital and Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital. She received her medical degree from University of Illinois College of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years.

Christopher McDowell, MD, MBA, MS, FACEP - ICEP Downstate Member Award

Dr. Christopher McDowell is a board certified emergency medicine physician in Springfield, Illinois. He is affiliated with Memorial Medical Center. His academic interests are medical education, stroke, simulation and administration.

R. Scott Altman, MD, FACEP - ICEP Meritorious Service Award

Dr. R. Scott Altman has logged 27 years as a practicing EM attending at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois and 18 years on faculty at Northwestern University in Chicago. During this time, Dr. Altman has served as an ED Chair, VPMA for a 150 physician multi-specialty group practice, and hospital CMO - and has provided international medical management and performance improvement consulting in 23 countries with over 80 hospitals, EMS systems, and Ministries of Health. Dr. Altman has co-led Christ Hospital's "Life After Residency" program since its inception advising residents on financial preparation and insurance needs, reviewing hundreds of employment contracts for graduating residents, and advising and subsequently guiding those in need through subsequent employment and partnership complications. After retiring from clinical medicine in 2018, he returned to Christ Hospital last March

to assist with, and is now leading their COVID strike team. He has been an ABEM oral board examiner and EMPAC Board member, and served ACEP and ICEP as on Finance, International Meeting, and Practice Management Committees, Councilor, Managed Care and Long Range Planning task forces, along with several leadership positions.

Congratulations to all the winners.



ICEP Calendar *of* Events 2021

(Subject to change)

August 20, 2021

**ACEP Webinar - COVID-19
Variants: What Emergency
Physicians Need to Know**
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August 23 + 24, 2021

Virtual Oral Board Course
Via Zoom

August 25, 2021

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School Loans and the CARES
Act: What You Need To
Know**
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August 27, 2021

**Resident Career
Day**
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August 30, 2021

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September 23, 2021

**ACEP Webinar - Dental 101
for ED Physicians**
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October 23 + 24, 2021

ACEP Council Meeting
Boston, MA

October 25 - 28, 2021

ACEP Scientific Assembly
Boston, MA

November 9, 2021

EM4Life
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