

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

# A Farewell From President Christine Babcock, MD, FACEP



**Christine Babcock,  
MD, FACEP**

As I complete my term as President of the Illinois College of Emergency Physicians, I would like to take a minute to reflect on a wonderful year. First, I would like to congratulate Jason Kegg, MD, FACEP on his election as President of ICEP for the 2022-2023 year.

Jason has been outstanding in his contributions to both Emergency Medicine and ICEP in his years of service on the Board of Directors. He will continue to be a dynamic leader and I am confident in his ability to lead ICEP in new advocacy and education initiatives. His strong leadership skills will be complemented by the rest of the newly elected executive board which includes Howie Mell, MD, MPH, CPE FACEP as President-Elect, Amit Arwindekar, MD, MBA, FACEP as Secretary/Treasurer and Willard W. Sharp, MD, PhD, FACEP as Member-at-Large. Congratulations all! ICEP is in good hands as we navigate a world of COVID normalcy. In addition, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the three new Board of Director members: Kasia Gore, MD FACEP, Adnan Hussain, MD, FACEP, and Kim Stanford, MD, MPH, FACEP as well as our new resident Board of Director member, Doreen Agboh, MD. I look forward to witnessing this team continue to listen to and advocate for the Emergency Medicine physicians in Illinois.

This new leadership team is committed to continuing the work that has been accomplished and celebrated this past year. Advocacy efforts in Illinois will continue to focus on increased reimbursement for medical forensic exams, scope of practice definitions as well as opposition to bills requiring additional training for board certified Emergency Physicians. At the national level, ICEP will continue to partner with ACEP on a multitude of legislative and regulatory issues. Recently, a delegation of ICEP members attended the ACEP Legislative and Advocacy Conference in Washington DC where they met with state representatives to advocate on behalf of Illinois Emergency Physicians. Included in those representing Illinois were the recipients of the 2022 ICEP Leadership Scholarship, Kyle Ackerman, MD MPP and Bernice Fokum, MD MPP. These rising resident stars demonstrate a bright future for Emergency Medicine with regard to policy and advocacy. Educational programming will also continue to be emphasized. It is important to highlight that the ICEP Virtual Oral Board Course, led by Deborah Weber, MD, FACEP, is recognized as a premier education course to prepare candidates sitting for the ABEM Oral Board Examination. This is one of the only courses nationally that was able to pivot to a successful virtual format and ICEP will continue to lead in this way in the future. As we move forward in an endemic COVID space, additional education programming has been reintroduced including advanced ultrasound training, regional pain control, and simulation labs. In addition, state mandated Continuing Medical Education will continue to be free to ICEP members. Courses focused on stroke, pediatrics and trauma currently exist.

All of us that have been members of ICEP over the years understand how important the commitment and dedication of the ICEP staff is to the success of the organization. I would like to congratulate Mary McNicholas and Sue McDonough on 25 years of service to ICEP. Thank you, Mary and Sue, for all you have done over the years. Personally, I have enjoyed working with both of you and am so grateful for all that you do. On that note, I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Ginny Kennedy-Palys. As many of you know, Ginny has been the heart and soul of ICEP as the Executive Director for over thirty years. She has led the organization with strength, intelligence, patience, poise, and grace. Ginny has made the decision to retire from her role as Executive Director. To say she will be missed is an understatement. It is impossible to describe the impact that Ginny has made to ICEP, ITLS and Emergency Medicine. She is simply outstanding and leaves behind a brilliant legacy. We wish Ginny the best of luck in her retirement and sincerely hope she doesn't mind a phone call or two to keep us on track. We will continue to honor her annually at the Ginny Kennedy-Palys Spring Symposium, humbly named in her honor.

In summary, I would like to thank you all for granting me the opportunity to serve as ICEP President this past year. It has been a wonderful experience both personally and professionally. I look forward to ICEP's bright future while celebrating the outstanding past. And on a final note...THANK YOU GINNY!!!!!!

— Christine Babcock, MD, FACEP  
ICEP President

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# Welcome Our New 2022 Board Members



**Katarzyna (Kasia)  
Gore, MD FACEP**



**Adnan Hussain, MD,  
FACEP**



**Kim Stanford, MD,  
MPH, FACEP**



**Doreen Agboh, MD  
(Resident)**

Congratulations to the new ICEP officers who were elected by the Board of Directors at its May 19 meeting. Elected as President-Elect was Howie Mell, MD, MPH, CPE FACEP Chicago, IL. Serving as Secretary-Treasurer will be Amit Arwindekar, MD, MBA, FACEP, of Chicago. Member-at-Large will be Will Sharp, MD, PhD, FACEP of Chicago. Installed as President was Jason Kegg, MD, FACEP of Springfield. Chrissy Babcock, MD, FACEP of Chicago will serve as Past President. For the full list of board members and councilors [click here](#).

## Illinois Sexual Assault and Medical Forensic Services 2-hour Training

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program has made available a two-hour online training to hospitals pursuant to Section 10(b) of the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA). The Illinois Sexual Assault and Medical Forensic Services 2-hour Training has been developed "...for emergency department clinical staff to meet the training requirement established in [Section 2(a) of SASETA]. Notwithstanding any other law regarding ongoing licensure requirements, such training shall count toward the continuing medical education and continuing nursing education credits for physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, and registered professional nurses."

At the conclusion of the Illinois Sexual Assault and Medical Forensic Services 2-hour Training, participants should be able to:

- Describe current sexual assault epidemiology
- Review the Neurobiology of Trauma
- Review current Illinois legislation that

mandates the care and services to be provided to Illinois sexual assault survivors, including child sexual assault survivors

- Demonstrate the steps of performing a medical forensic exam, including the evidence collection kit
- Evaluate how to screen for and treat a patient who may have experienced a drug-facilitated sexual assault

The SIU School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 2.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) accepts certificates of participation for educational activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™ from organizations accredited by ACCME. Physician assistants may receive a maximum of 2.25 AAP Category 1 CME credits for completing this program.

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Na-

tional Certification Program accepts AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

SIU School of Medicine is preapproved as a continuing nursing education provider pursuant to Section 1300.130, subsection c), 1), B) and P) of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Nurse Practice Act. Nurses may receive a maximum of 2.25 contact hours for completing this activity. Awarded credit is dependent upon successful completion of the posttest and course evaluation.

The presenter, Jaclyn Rodriguez, BSN, BS, RN, SANE-A, has no conflicts of interest to disclose. This activity did not receive any commercial support from a company, such as a pharmaceutical or medical device manufacturer, or other commercial interest.

[Click here for the online module instructions.](#)



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# Highlights From Spring Symposium 2022

After two long years Spring Symposium and Annual Business Meeting was finally held again in-person at Northwestern Feinberg Pavilion, Chicago, IL on May 19, 2022.

The annual Research Showcase included four oral presentations and 12 poster presentations. All of the research abstracts can be found in the Statewide Research Showcase eBook available at [ICEP.org/spring-symposium](https://www.icep.org/spring-symposium).

The annual awards were presented, recognizing Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov, MD, FACEP with the Bill B. Smiley Award and Christopher Colbert, DO, FACEP with the ICEP Meritorious Service Award.

The Resident Speaker Forum included presentations from nine residencies. Chanell Davis, MD, of Cook County Health, was awarded first place for her presentation “Misogynoir in Medicine and the Importance of Allyship for Providers”. Lena Carleton, MD of University of Illinois College of Medicine was awarded second place for her presentation “Organizing is the Best Medicine: The Past, Present, and Future of Resident Unions”

The program concluded with a lunch seminar on Nasal High Flow: Evidence & Application presented by Chris Hutchinson, PGDip, BE from Fisher & Paykel Healthcare.

For more photos of the program, visit [ICEP.org/spring-symposium](https://www.icep.org/spring-symposium).

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## PHOTOS



Resident Speaker Forum Presenters



Left to right: Chanell Davis, MD and Lena Carleton, MD our first and second place Resident Speaker Forum winners.



ICEP Meritorious Service Award winner Christopher Colbert, DO, FACEP



Left to right: Executive Director Ginny Kennedy Palys, JD and Bill B. Smiley Award winner Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov, MD, FACEP





# Farewell to Ginny Kennedy Palys

Many of us weren't sure this day would ever come, even though we knew it had to come eventually. After 37 years as Executive Director, Ginny Kennedy Palys has made the decision to retire in July. We are proud of all she has accomplished and happy for her as she begins a new chapter of life, but we are deeply saddened to see her go at the same time. Since her start at ICEP in 1984, she has worked tirelessly to advance emergency medicine, and she leaves behind a tremendous legacy for those who come after her.

ICEP will be changing our annual Spring Symposium to the Ginny Kennedy-Palys Spring Symposium in her honor.

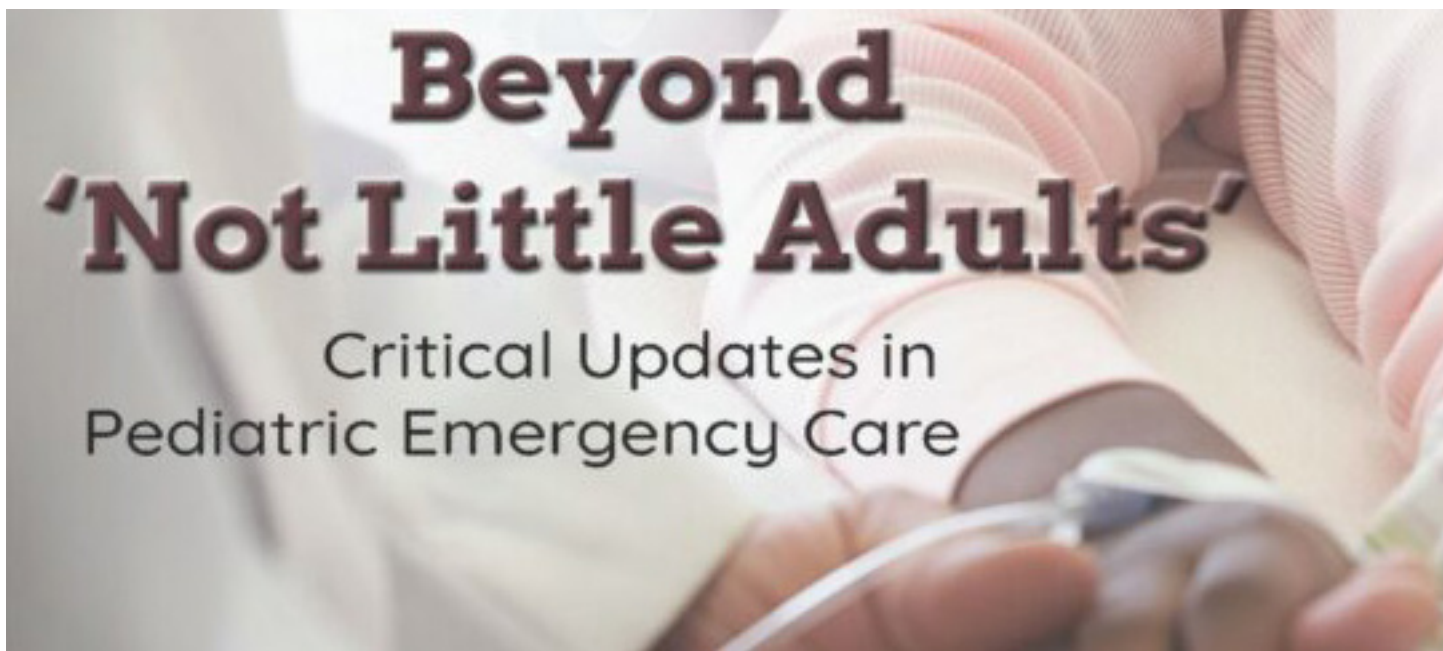
Thank you Ginny for all you've done for ICEP and Emergency Medicine. We will miss you!

Head over to [icep.org/news](https://icep.org/news) to see a wonderful video of Ginny's time at ICEP filled with photos and messages from past and current ICEP members.





# Free CME Program on Beyond “Not Little Adults” Critical Updates in Pediatric Emergency Care



Beyond “Not Little Adults” Critical Updates in Pediatric Emergency Care is an internet enduring activity that will take approximately 3.0 hours to complete in its entirety.

This activity was released on January 10, 2022 and the accreditation period expires on January 9, 2025.

[Non-member physicians may purchase the course for \\$50.00.](#)

Certificates will be sent out prior to verification of membership.

[ACEP Members may purchase the course for \\$30.00.](#)

## Program Objective:

After completing this activity, learners should be able to recognize and apply evidence-based strategies to manage pediatric patients in the emergency department.

## Program Description:

Critical illness is more common in adults than in children, which is great for kids, but not so great for maintaining our skills. In these four modules, we discuss high stakes, low-frequency presentations of critical illness in pediatrics, and

share the latest evidence-based guidelines for managing these patients in a general emergency department.

## The program includes:

- 4 narrated PowerPoints
- 3 hours of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* continuing medical education
- The HTML-based online course includes embedded narrated PowerPoint-based presentation followed by an evaluation and CME attestation of the program.

## To receive CME, you must:

1. Read and agree to all activity information on this page.
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3. Participate fully in educational content to include listening to or reading lecture material in its entirety
4. Complete activity evaluation.
5. Attest to completing the activity according to the steps referenced above.

[Full information and instructions can be found here.](#)

Once participation is successfully verified, ICEP will forward a CME certificate of com-

pletion within 14 working days. Please note that *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* may be awarded one (1) time in conjunction with your purchase during the 1-year period.

New course coming July 2022. Information will be sent out in early July on how to register for the new CME course called Tackling the Golden Hour – Trauma Tools for the Emergency Physician.

For all available CME courses head over to [icep.org](http://icep.org) and click on “shop” in the top right hand corner.



## ARE YOU SEATED FOR YOUR ORAL EXAM IN SPRING 2022? ICEP HAS YOU COVERED!

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**ABEM Virtual Exam Simulation  
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**August 29-30, 2022**

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- 35 years of experience helping emergency physicians pass their boards

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\$659.00 ACEP/ICEP members  
\$759.00 non-members

Courses are presented in a half-day format, morning and afternoon, with case rotations one-on-one with faculty via Zoom. Every case rotation includes direct feedback from the faculty examiner to identify your strengths and weaknesses.

Registrants can register for up to 2 sessions as the cases for the morning and the afternoon are different.

**For more information or to register, contact  
Lora Finucane at [loraf@icep.org](mailto:loraf@icep.org).**

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Together, all of us can bring more smiles, healthier mouths, and more self-confidence to more people across the communities we serve.

The new 25,000 sq. ft. clinic – located in Chicago's West Loop – will have 16 dental care rooms.

For more information on TAG and how you can help your patients with the oral health visit the link below.

<https://www.icep.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Community-Partnership-Packet-Final.pdf>



## Governor Pritzker Signs Senate Bill 3023 Today!

Today, June 16, 2022, Governor JB Pritzker signed SB 3023 that allows survivors/victims to opt out of filing private insurance claims for their hospital services. According to the governor's office, this new legislation allows survivors to seek care under the act for 180 days, doubling the time window and extending access to those unable to receive care in the first few months after an incident.

SB3203 guarantees that a victim seeking medical treatment will have access to a trained medical forensic examiner, as well as other medical staff specifically trained to best care for victims of sexual assault.

Illinois will now join the other 42 states that allow victims/survivors to opt out of billing their private insurance for medical forensic exams or who do not bill private insurance at all. This allows those seeking treatment after abuse from partners or family members who share in their insurance policy to maintain confidentiality and avoid additional danger.







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**August 25, 2022**

**Resident Career Day**  
Chicago, IL

**August 29 + 30, 2022**

**Oral Board Review**  
Via Zoom

**September 19, 2022**

**Board Meeting**  
TBD

**October 14, 2022**

**Emergent Procedures**  
Evanston, IL

**November 1, 2022**

**EM4Life - 2022 Articles**  
Downers Grove, IL

**November 18, 2022**

**Oral Board Review**  
Via Zoom

**December 7, 2022**

**Ultrasound for EM**  
Downers Grove, IL

**December 12, 2022**

**Board Meeting**  
TBD

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