

# ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

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AT ANY TIME



## ***Supporting Quality Emergency Medical Care and the Interests of Emergency Physicians***

With a diverse community of more than 1,300 members, the Illinois College of Emergency Physicians (ICEP) offers opportunities for leadership development, education, career development, volunteer service, advocacy and other opportunities to stay connected and engage with one another.



**Patient Boarding** - Patient boarding is a public health emergency and systemic crisis. Emergency physicians are being forced to treat patients in the waiting room itself—where lack of privacy, equipment, and physical space is greatly reducing the quality of care that can be provided.



**Emergency Department (ED) Violence** - ED violence adds pressure to an already understaffed emergency medical system, causing further staffing shortages and dangerous gaps in care.



**Scope of Practice** - The gold standard for ED care is that provided by an emergency physician. Regardless of where a patient lives, everyone who visits the ED deserves to have access to the highest quality care delivered by emergency physician-led care teams.



**Medicaid Reimbursement** - Despite nominal increases, Medicaid reimbursement rates still fail to equitably reflect the important services provided by emergency physicians (EPs).



**Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Expansion** - The PMP has become an essential tool for EPs, giving doctors a blueprint so that prescribers can now know where patients are getting prescriptions and how much they are getting.



**Protecting Victims** - ICEP is dedicated to helping victims. ED physicians are on the frontlines of dealing with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and therefore have a strong desire to protect these individuals from experiencing further harm and ensure they have recourse after a crime is committed.

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## ***Fast Facts About Emergency Medicine***

**Access to emergency care is critical and more people rely on emergency physicians than ever before.**

One in three people in the U.S. come to the emergency department, for a total 150 million visits to the emergency department every year.

Emergency physicians are uniquely trained with the expertise to lead skilled care teams in thousands of emergency departments across the country.



**Nearly half** of all medical care in the United States is delivered in an emergency department.



**Nearly 70%** of emergency care goes uncompensated or undercompensated.



**Nine in ten** say it is essential to have 24/7 access to the ER, the highest of any utility or service that communities provide.



**Only 2.5%** of the patients seen in 2020 came to the emergency department for a non-urgent medical condition.



**More than half** of adults who sought immediate medical care chose to go to an emergency department because urgent care was unavailable, or they were referred by a medical provider.