

As a resident physician at the University of Chicago, I am deeply committed to emergency medicine, advocacy, and leadership. The opportunity to serve as a Resident Board Member for ICEP aligns perfectly with my passion for shaping the future of our field through policy engagement, mentorship, and community-driven initiatives. I hope to contribute my experience in advocacy and organizational leadership while gaining valuable insight into the governance and strategic direction of ICEP.

Throughout my career, I have actively pursued opportunities to advocate for both my patients and my colleagues. As a Community Champion at the University of Chicago, I collaborate with the Urban Health Initiative to address health disparities on the South Side. My work includes health education programming, youth STEM mentorship, and efforts to improve health literacy within underserved communities. Additionally, as the Emergency Medicine Representative for the Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR), I have played a key role in resident advocacy, working to improve working conditions, educational opportunities, and overall well-being for trainees through unionization efforts.

Beyond these roles, my Master's in Public Health has given me a strong foundation in health policy, particularly in areas affecting emergency medicine. My practicum with Deloitte's Health Care & Life Sciences Program focused on policy recommendations to improve adolescent psychiatric care and alleviate emergency department overcrowding issues that continue to challenge our field. I also researched the utility of police and security presence in the Emergency Room and more specifically, the balance between safety of health professionals and patients with patient confidentiality and right to privacy. Overall, these experiences have reinforced my belief that advocacy at institutional and legislative levels is essential to advancing emergency medicine and ensuring optimal patient care.

I am particularly interested in tackling the boarding crisis in emergency departments, addressing resource allocation challenges, improving access to care for vulnerable populations. Furthermore, given recent and local events, workplace safety is a topic I am especially interested in discussing. I would greatly desire the opportunity to participate in the conversations surrounding legislation to provide safe workspace environments while maintaining the trust of our patients. As a Resident Board Member, I would bring a strong voice for residents while helping ICEP navigate key issues affecting our specialty. I am eager to engage with experienced leaders, contribute fresh perspectives, and develop a deeper understanding of the policy and governance decisions that shape our field.

I would be honored to serve in this capacity and to further ICEP's mission through collaboration, advocacy, and leadership. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the organization while gaining the skills necessary to be a lifelong advocate for emergency medicine.