



Illinois College  
of Emergency Physicians



# THE GINNY KENNEDY PALYS ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, May 29, 2025  
Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Welcome to the Ginny Kennedy Pals Annual Symposium, where emergency medicine professionals from across Illinois come together to share insights, research, and advocacy efforts that shape the future of our field. This year's theme, "***How to Tell Our Story?***", highlights the power of storytelling in medicine—whether through research, advocacy, or media collaboration.

## PROGRAM MEETING BOOKLET



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# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting will be held from 1:10 PM to 1:30 PM.

## Award Presentations

Three ICEP members will be honored during the Ginny Kennedy Palys Annual Symposium for their contributions to the College and emergency medicine:

### Henry Pitzele, MD, FACEP

Bill B. Smiley Award

### Monika Pitzele, MD, PhD, FACEP

ICEP Meritorious Service Award

### Napoleon Knight, MD, MBA, FACEP

ICEP Downstate Member Service Award

The ICEP Leadership Scholarship Program recognizes three recipients for the 2025 Leadership Scholarship: Kalkidan Aseged, MD and Seema Ghelani, MD.

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## Visit the Exhibitors Challenge

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# STATEWIDE RESEARCH SHOWCASE

## Selected Oral Presentations

### **Increased Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence-Associated Language in Residency Personal Statements**

Darrow Traylor, MD, Advocate Christ Medical Center

### **An Institutional Evaluation of the Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale (CPSS) in EMS Stroke Notification: Sensitivity, Specificity, and Large Vessel Occlusion Detection**

Iram Nasreen, PharmD, Rush University Medical Center

### **Integrating SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner) Training into the Medical Education Curriculum**

Elizabeth Hsu, Rush University Medical Center

### **Can ED-initiated Acupuncture Promote Lasting Pain Relief and Improvement in Function**

Veda Ravishankar, MD, Cook County Health

## Selected Research Abstract Poster Presentations

### **Emergency Care Logs and Incidents Pertaining to the Solar Eclipse of 2024**

Ahmad M. Abdulla, MD, Advocate Christ Medical Center

### **Clinical Insights and Case Analysis of Disorders Attributed to Cicadas in the Emergency Department**

Jonah A. Freuh, MD, Advocate Christ Medical Center

### **The Characteristics and Cost of Admission to US Hospitals for Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome**

Veronica Gonzalez MD, Cook County Health

### **Prevalence of Pulmonary Embolism in Patients with COPD Admitted to an Urban Safety-Net Hospital**

Michael J. Hohl MD, Cook County Health

### **Feasibility of a Performance Benchmark System Using Emergency Medicine Resident End-of-Shift Assessment**

Ryan McKillip, MD, Advocate Christ Medical Center

### **Novel Approach to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training Utilizing Simulation**

Sumona Munshi, DO, MS, Rush University Medical Center

### **Outcome of Sedative Assisted Intubation for Ketamine vs Etomidate by EMS: a State Survey**

Martin E. Pelletier, BS, EMT-P, Rosalind Franklin University



# STATEWIDE RESEARCH SHOWCASE

## Selected Case Report Presentations

### **Ventriculoperitoneal Shunt Fracture: An Uncommon Reason for Shunt Failure**

Claudine Feliciano, DO, Loyola  
University Medical Center

### **A Rare and Rapid Case of Creutzfeldt**

Kelsey Bacidore, MD, Loyola  
University Medical Center

### **Intentional Overdose of Castor Beans**

Kevin Bosnoyan, MD, Swedish  
Hospital

### **Scrotal Tuberculosis Disguised as UTI and Malignancy**

Leslie M Cachola, MD, Cook County  
Health

### **Umbilical Appendiceal Incarceration with Acute Appendicitis**

Mario Rako, MD, Resurrection  
Medical Center

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

### I. Call to Order

### II. Approval of Minutes

- May 4, 2024, Annual Meeting

### III. President's Report

### IV. Recognition of Outgoing Board Member

### V. Welcome New Board Members

### VI. Presentation of Awards

- ICEP Leadership Scholarship Recipients
- Staff Recognition
- ICEP Downstate Member Service Award
- ICEP Meritorious Service Award
- Bill B. Smiley Award

### VII. Passing the Gavel

### VIII. Adjournment

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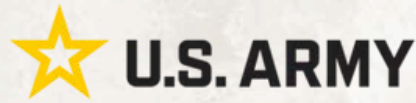


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# 2024 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The 2024 Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois College of Emergency Physicians (ICEP) was held May 2, 2024 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois in conjunction with the 2024 Ginny Kennedy Palys Annual Symposium. President Howie Mell, MD, MPH, CPE, FACEP, called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

## I. President's Report

Dr. Mell presented the President's Report following acknowledgements and recognition of sponsors, exhibitors, and general announcements of educational activities. Dr. Mell announced the new 3-year strategic plan with new road map for the Chapter with a new mission, vision, and goals.

- Vision: Evolving emergency medicine in Illinois
- Mission: To support, develop, and amplify the voice of emergency physicians to promote excellence in emergency care.
- Strategic Goal Areas:
  - Advocacy
  - Sustainability
  - Professional Development

ICEP's legislative priorities are:

- Boarding
- Emergency Department Violence
- Scope of Practice
- Medicaid Reimbursement
- Protecting Victims

Everyone is encouraged to share their thoughts and ideas that are affecting their practice of emergency medicine and what ICEP should be advocating for in the future. ICEP welcomed a new lobbying firm in October 2023. There is a new electronic newsletter focused on advocacy called ICEP Shift that is sent out more often and to supplement Epic. An overview of advocacy efforts was shared during the recent ICEP Advocacy Day and ACEP Leadership & Advocacy Conference.

Dr. Mell presented highlights from recent state and federal legislation efforts including ICEP submitting a letter to the FTC about non-compete clauses and ACEP's priority issues.

## II. Recognitions of Outgoing Board Members

Dr. Mell recognized ICEP's outgoing Board members for their leadership and service to ICEP:

- Amit Arwindekar, MD, MBA, FACEP
- Scott Heinrich, MD, FACEP
- Jason Kegg, MD, CHSE, FACEP
- Kim Stanford, MD, MPH, FACEP
- Trenika Williams, MD, Resident Member

## III. Thank You and Acknowledgements

Dr. Mell thanked ICEP Volunteers for their service over the past year including the Symposium Chairs. A recognition and thank you to the ICEP Staff followed.

## IV. Presentation of Awards

### • ICEP Leadership Scholarship Recipients

The ICEP Scholarship Program provides leadership development training to residents and young physicians in Illinois so they can participate in advocacy efforts at the local, state, and national levels. The program also provides opportunities to make lifelong connections, education mentoring, advocacy, and legislative experience.

The ICEP Scholarship Program recognized for the 2024 Leadership Scholarship: Jacob Cabrejas, MD, Samantha Hay, MD, MPH, and Edie Waskel, DO.

### • ICEP Downstate Member Service Award

This award recognizes the contributions of a member who lives and works outside the metropolitan Chicago area. Dr. Mell announced the 2024 Downstate Member Service Award recipient: Gregory S. Podolej, MD, MHPE, FACEP.

### • ICEP Meritorious Service Award

This award is conferred on a member who has made a special contribution to ICEP through service, advocacy, education, and other contributions. Dr. Mell announced the 2024 Meritorious Service Award recipient: Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACEP, FACOEP.

### • Bill B. Smiley Meritorious Service Award

ICEP's highest award recognizes a member for a lifetime of service to ICEP and emergency medicine in Illinois. Dr. Mell announced the 2024 Bill B. Smiley Meritorious Service Award: Christine Babcock, MD, MSc, FACEP.

## V. Announcement of Board Election Results

The 2024 Board election results were announced. The following Board members were elected to serve a 3-year term: Halleh Akbarnia, MD, FACEP; Nicholas Cozzi, MD, MBA. Joshua Miksanek, MD, FACEP and Gregory Podolej, MD, MPHE, FACEP. The elected Resident Member, Adam Roussas, MD, MBA, MSE, will serve a 1-year term.

## VI. Passing the Gavel

Dr. Mell provided highlights during his Presidential year and experiences serving on the ICEP Board. Dr. Mell passed the gavel and introduced 2024-2025 ICEP President, Willard W. Sharp, MD, PhD, FACEP, FAAEM. Dr. Sharp shared brief remarks and thanked Dr. Mell for his service. A video highlighting Dr. Mell's Presidential year and ICEP Board service was shared.

## VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

# UPCOMING 2025 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

**Thursday, August 28:**

**Resident Career Day**

*Northwestern Feinberg Pavilion, Chicago, IL*

**Monday, September 15 –**

**Tuesday, September 16:**

**Virtual Oral Board Review Course**

*via Zoom*

**Thursday, October 30:**

**EM4Life – 2025 Articles**

*ICEP Headquarters, Downers Grove, IL*

**Thursday, November 20 –**

**Friday, November 21:**

**Virtual Oral Board Review Course**

*via Zoom*

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# AGENDA

**7:00 AM - 7:15 AM**

**Registration & Visit the Exhibits**

**7:15 AM - 7:20 AM**

**Welcome & Introduction**

Christopher Colbert, DO, FACEP,  
FACOEP

Joseph Palter, MD

**7:20 AM - 8:05 AM**

**Statewide Research Showcase**

Casey Collier, MD, FACEP

**8:05 AM - 8:30 AM**

**Visit the Exhibits & Research Posters**

**8:30 AM - 8:45 AM**

**ICEP Update**

Willard W. Sharp, MD, PhD, FACEP,  
FAAEM

**8:45 AM - 9:15 AM**

**Finding Your Why**

Ryan Stanton, MD, FACEP

**9:15 AM - 9:30 AM**

**Visit the Exhibits & Research Posters**

**9:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

**How ACEP is Making Your Emergency  
Department Better**

Alison Haddock, MD, FACEP

**10:00 AM - 10:20 AM**

**Break**

**10:20 AM - 11:20 AM**

**Telling the Story: The Intersection of  
Emergency Medicine and Health  
information through Media**

**Moderators:**

Christopher Colbert, DO, FACEP,  
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Christine Park, MD

**Panelists:**

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**11:20 AM - 11:40 AM**

**Visit the Exhibits & Research Posters**

**11:40 AM - 12:55 PM**

**Resident Speaker Forum**

**12:55 PM - 1:10 PM**

**Visit the Exhibits & Research Posters**

**1:10 PM - 1:30 PM**

**Annual Business Meeting & Awards**

**1:30 PM**

**Evaluation and Adjournment**

