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From the President

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Happy end of spring/beginning of summer everyone! Hope you have all stocked up on your sunscreen and get to use it!

This spring brought us all a further dip in COVID numbers and (at risk of jinxing it) an end to flu season. Congrats to all for making it through the winter!

With a big thank you to Nemours, Delaware ACEP happily sponsored some of our members to attend the Pediatric Skills Course in May. We are all looking forward to the next one.

May was also the time for the Leadership & Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. This is the annual meeting that ACEP puts together to bring Emergency Medicine advocacy to our national leaders in the House and the Senate. The Delaware Chapter had 3 successful meetings with Congresswoman Blunt-Rochester's team, Senator Coons and his team, and Senator Carper and his team. This year's talking points were around Emergency Department crowding and boarding, workplace violence in the ED, and the Medicare Physician reimbursement schedule. The conversations were well-received and we are fortunate in Delaware to have national representation that is supportive and engaged in healthcare issues. We did offer to set up Emergency Department tours for any of the legislators or their staffers who have an interest - if you hear from someone and would like help setting something up, please reach out for any Chapter assistance.

Our next Chapter meeting will be in late June - please keep an eye out for an exact date and location. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Graduating in June? Renew Today. Get Discounted Dues, and Stay Involved

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! ACEP and DE ACEP have been with you throughout your training, and we're excited to stay by your side as you continue your EM journey. ACEP is the only EM organization that invested \$1M+ of our member dues dollars to push back on scope creep. ACEP is currently involved in – not one, but nine - lawsuits to protect your autonomy and reimbursement. We also know money is tight. That's why ACEP discounts dues 75 percent in your first year after residency or fellowship. Help us stay in the fight. [Renew Today](#).

FROM NATIONAL ACEP



Take Action

Urge your Representative to help the ED boarding crisis. Our hospital emergency departments (EDs) have reached or are past the breaking point. Ask your House member to sign a bipartisan congressional "Dear Colleague" letter urging the Administration to swiftly convene an ED Boarding Task Force with broad stakeholder representation. The more legislators that sign onto the request to the Administration, the more likely it is that they will make it a priority! **The letter closes on May 24 so we need your immediate action.** [Click here to take action](#).

Urge your legislators to cosponsor two bipartisan bills to address violence in the ED:

- [The "Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act" \(H.R. 2663/S. 1176\)](#)
- [The "SAVE Act" \(H.R. 2584\)](#)

ACEP Resources & Latest News

New Indiana Bill Requires Hospital EDs to Have a Physician On Site. Indiana recently passed legislation that will require every emergency department in the state to have a physician onsite and responsible for the ED. Thanks to the tireless advocacy of Indiana ACEP, patients who need emergency care across the state of Indiana now have reassurance that a physician will be in the emergency department at all hours to provide high quality patient care. [Read more.](#)

As the situation with Envision develops, ACEP is focused on you - the emergency physician. We continue to monitor the transition closely and will ensure our members are empowered in their next steps. If you need help, [view these resources.](#)

How does advocacy affect reimbursement? Jordan G. R. Celeste, MD, FACEP, ACEP's RUC Advisor, [gives a helpful overview](#) in this regulatory blog post.

CONGRATULATIONS to the [winners of ACEP's 2023 Leadership & Excellence and Council Awards!](#)

This week, ACEP's Well-Being Committee and Wellness Section invite you to participate in quick, daily challenges to mark [EM Wellness Week](#). Today's focus is all about celebrating the small stuff. Intentionally seeking things to celebrate, however small, can increase your sense of wellbeing and life satisfaction.

It's [EMS Week](#), and you are invited to this educational opportunity focused on EMS and pediatric patients:

- May 24 at 5 p.m. CT: ["The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator \(PECC\): Where Emergency Care for Kids Begins"](#) will highlight the role of PECCs, also known as pediatric champions, in EMS agencies.

Have you checked out the new asthma point-of-care tool? [Asthma Exacerbation in the ED](#), available on acep.org and the ACEP Mobile app, walks through clinical features, pharmacologic treatments, life-threatening presentations, pediatric and pregnant considerations, discharge planning and more.

[Join the Climate & Energy MIG](#) to study and implement ways to decrease the carbon impact of our specialty. This new group has an interest in combating climate change, decreasing the use of single-use plastics in medicine and those who see the connection between climate change and global health.

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

May 21-27: [EMS Week](#)

May 21-27: [EM Wellness Week](#)

May 25: [Last day to submit comments on Severe Agitation policy draft](#)

July 25: [Last day to apply for the Annals of Emergency Medicine Resident Fellow](#)

Oct 9-12: [ACEP23](#) Scientific Assembly, Philadelphia, PA

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