A Newsletter for the Members of the Delaware Chapter - Summer 2023



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From the President Kathryn Groner, MD, FACEP

Happy Summer, everyone!

This will be a short newsletter, with not much chapter-wide activity happening in the summer. First - welcome to all the new Emergency Medicine Residents in Delaware! We look forward to watching you learn and meeting all of you over the next few years. And second, we hope to see many of you at the ACEP Scientific Assembly this year that will be held in Philadelphia. If you have an interest in participating in ACEP Council as an Alternate, or have anything you'd like to weigh in on, please reach out. The councilors this year are myself and the President-elect, John Powell. If you are going to be in the area, please join us for the DE ACEP reception on the Monday of ACEP (October 9th). We will announce our next Chapter meeting as it is scheduled.

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ACEP Resources & Latest News

ACEP President shares highlights of ACEP victories. In the July issue of ACEP *Now*, Medical Editor in Chief Cedric Dark, MD, FACEP, checks in with ACEP President Chris Kang, MD, FACEP, for the latest on the College's work to address ED boarding, physician burnout, private equity in EM and more. <u>Read more.</u>

Advocacy victory: In a big win for emergency physicians, changes to the surprise billing process are now in the works. We heard your concerns and used our voice to call out extensive flaws in the law's implementation. This is your dues dollars at work. <u>Read more.</u>

Latest updates related to the APP closure: In the wake of American Physician Partners' closing, many members need immediate support. Even if you weren't directly impacted, the changing landscape of healthcare brings uncertainty - and ACEP has <u>tools</u> to help.

- Watch our recent legal webinar about job transitions to help with contract decisions.
- Access our new <u>contract toolkit</u> with extensive, members-only FAQs about insurance, contracts and legal issues during career transitions
- Email <u>presidentkang@acep.org</u> if you or a colleague has been affected, and share specific circumstances so ACEP can provide tailored assistance.

Your newest member benefit helps with contract review and

negotiations! ACEP's new partnership with **Resolve** gives you free access to real-time salary data, a contract scorecard to rate any new or existing contract, and updates on the current J-1 waiver cycle. ACEP members also get 20% off additional packages from Resolve. <u>Read more.</u>

Millions in Funding Set for ALTO, MAT Programs. ACEP advocacy resulted in millions of dollars in grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The significant boost for emergency physicianled Alternative to Opioids (ALTO) and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs will help save lives and improve care related to opioid use disorder. ACEP developed and worked to pass the law to establish ALTO and strongly supports MAT expansion, including the recent repeal of the "X-waiver." <u>Read more.</u>

ICYMI, ACEP releases statements on Diversity and CMGs

On July 14, ACEP issued a <u>Policy Statement on the Corporate Practice of</u> <u>Medicine</u>. ACEP believes the physician-patient relationship is the moral center of medicine. The integrity of this relationship must never be compromised. On July 20, ACEP issued a Joint <u>Statement from EM organizations on efforts to</u> <u>diversify healthcare</u> professionals in the U.S. <u>See all policy statements.</u>

ACEP Grassroots Advocacy

ACEP's ED Visit Program

As part of ACEP's federal advocacy efforts, we aim to have as many legislators as possible visit emergency departments in their communities to see first-hand the inner workings of an ED and those patients seeking care in the ED. Members of Congress rely heavily upon input from their constituents when considering issues and making policy decisions. As the front line of our nation's health care delivery system, emergency physicians are well-positioned to educate legislators on a wide range of issues including patient access, public health concerns, rural and inner-city health issues, and quality of care.

ACEP assists in the scheduling and preparation for these visits, including talking points and tips on coordinating the visit with your hospital staff and administration. For more information about hosting an ED visit for your federal legislator, please contact <u>Jeanne Slade</u> or <u>Liz Demorest</u> in the ACEP Washington, D.C. Office.

NEMPAC Networking Opportunities at ACEP23:

The NEMPAC Board of Trustees is inviting NEMPAC VIP donors to two exclusive events at ACEP23 – don't miss the opportunity to network with ACEP leaders and colleagues who support emergency medicine advocacy!

NEMPAC VIP Donor Reception

When: Sunday, October 8, 6-8 p.m. Where: The Liberty View at Independence Visitor Center, 599 Market Street, Philadelphia How to Receive an Invitation: Donate \$600 (\$365 for transitioning and retired members, \$60 for residents)

NEMPAC "Give-a-Shift" Donor Lounge

When: Monday, October 9 – Wednesday, October 11, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day Where: Philadelphia Convention Center, Level 100, Room 117 How to Receive an Invitation: Donate \$1,200 (\$365 for transitioning and retired members, \$120 for residents)

<u>Donate to NEMPAC</u> by October 4 or during ACEP23 to join us at the Reception and Lounge!

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

Aug. 23: <u>Virtual Grand Rounds: Risk Management</u> Sep. 18: Nominations due for <u>ACEP's Medical Humanities Writing & Visual Arts</u> <u>Awards</u> Oct 9-12: ACEP23 Scientific Assembly, Philadelphia, PA

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