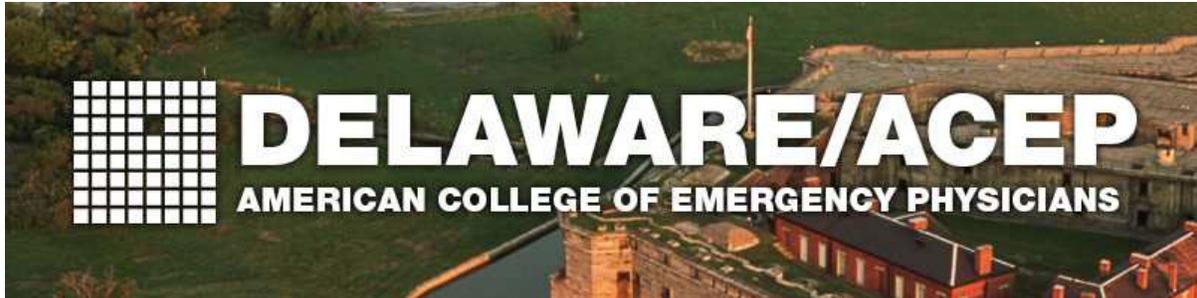


A Newsletter for the Members of the Delaware Chapter - Spring 2024

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From the President

Kathryn Groner, MD, FACEP

Happy spring to one and all!

A few of the DE ACEP members recently returned from a trip to D.C. for the Leadership and Advocacy Conference. In addition to meeting with Congressional

staffers and Congresswoman Blunt-Rochester and Senator Carper to advocate for resources to improve psychiatric care and boarding, to decrease workplace violence, and to fix the Medicare physician fee scheduler, we were also lucky enough to be able to hear Congresswoman Blunt-Rochester speak at the conference. She gave an inspiring speech about how important healthcare is to her, both personally and from her role as a Congresswoman, and expressed her true gratitude for our work in Emergency Medicine.

More locally, we have successfully filled the DE ACEP sponsored Peds EM course slots – looking forward to hearing about the excellent education from everyone! We also had a great conversation about the issues facing our day-to-day ED care at the Chapter meeting in February, and look forward to having another great conversation at our next Chapter meeting. We anticipate the next meeting will be in July, and it will be open to incoming EM interns who may be interested.

Also, more locally, HS2 for HB350 with HA1, “AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 16 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HOSPITAL COSTS”, was passed by the House on 4/25/24 and is now assigned to the Executive Committee in the Senate. This Act creates the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board, which will be responsible for review and approval of annual hospital budgets beginning with budgets for calendar year 2026. Before the board begins operations, hospitals are required to charge no more than 250% of Medicare costs to any payer for hospital services in calendar year 2025. Please reach out to me or Dr. Powell with any thoughts or concerns.

Please reach out if you hear of any issues coming up at your local ED or bubbling through the State congressional halls. Many chapters have lobbyists, however the DE Chapter does not have this role. We rely on our local team to make sure we are able to weigh in on issues that could impact all of us. Thank you all for all you do for your colleagues and your patients!

-Kate

FROM NATIONAL ACEP



ACEP Resources & Latest News

ACEP-Developed Due Process Legislation Introduced by Congress:

The bipartisan "Physician and Patient Safety Act" was introduced this week. This ACEP-developed legislation would ensure emergency physicians have a fair process before any termination, restriction, or reduction of professional activity. Urging Congress to support this legislation was one of ACEPs top priorities at the 2024 Leadership and Advocacy Conference (LAC). [Read more.](#)

[Read the press release](#) | [Hear from ACEP President Dr. Aisha Terry](#)

ACEP's New State Legislative Dashboard Highlights Chapter Advocacy

Activities: Use a new one-stop shop to stay current on state-level legislative and regulatory activities with ACEP's new State Legislative Dashboard. The dashboard was announced at ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference earlier this year and covers initiatives such as health care worker safety, legal mandates on clinical practice, mental health and boarding, scope of practice, and others. Issue-specific details are behind a member login. [Read more.](#)

Save on Fees With New Payment Option for ACEP Membership: ACH transfers, or electronic checks, are now available for new and renewing ACEP members, allowing a secure bank-to-bank money transfer which eliminates processing fees for you and ACEP. Members on an installment plan or auto-renew can easily update their payment information any time by accessing the “Payment Methods” section of My Account on ACEP's website. [Read more.](#)

Want To Present a Course at ACEP24 in Las Vegas? Off-Track Courses are designed for ACEP sections and committees, new speakers, and topics beyond ACCME guidelines. They also have later submission deadlines so there is still time to be considered for ACEP24! Learn more and submit your off-track course proposal by June 30. [Read more.](#)

EMS Week Marks its 50th Anniversary, May 19-25 ACEP and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) will celebrate EMS Week May 19-25 to honor the dedication, commitment, and sacrifice of emergency medical service professionals around the country. This year marks the 50th anniversary of National EMS Week with the theme, “Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future.” ACEP President Aisha Terry, MD, MPH, FACEP, said, "Emergency physicians are grateful to lead EMS teams and we are proud of our EMS colleagues who ensure life-saving care begins well before patients arrive in the emergency department." [Read more.](#)
Related: [Read the press release from ACEP and NAEMT.](#)

ACEP understands that expertise and experience are emergency physicians' most powerful tools. Sharing them with other emergency physicians and hospitals can improve patient outcomes across the country. The College has been working tirelessly to establish an innovative, new **Emergency Medicine Data Institute** that will harness vital metrics from emergency departments nationwide to improve quality of care, transform practice management, and lead public and population health management.

Click here to [learn more](#) and be sure [to register for ACEP24](#) and attend the **EM Data Institute panel discussion**; details to be announced soon.

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

"Vegas Baby!" [Registration is now open for ACEP24](#). Take advantage of ACEP23 pricing — limited time only!

May 20: [Pressure Ulcers and Bunk Beds: Protecting Patient Safety During Times of ED Crowding and Boarding](#)

May 30: [Vector Borne Disease Resources for the Emergency Physician](#)

June 6: [Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Being a SANE Medical Director but Were Afraid to Ask](#)

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