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## Chapter Newsletter

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### President's Message

**Michael A. Silverman, MD, FACEP**

Dear Colleagues,

I joined the Board of Directors of Maryland ACEP in the 1990s as a representative from my residency program. I have been active in Maryland ACEP in a variety of roles ever since.

I guess the saying is true that “there is no free lunch.” I kept showing up to the meetings for the lunch and to network. Eventually, I was asked to do some real work. In all seriousness, it is a tremendous honor to be the incoming President of the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Our chapter represents approximately 700 emergency physicians throughout the state. You may know our work through the outstanding educational conference put on every spring. If you are in a department leadership position, you may know our work through our Practice Management Committee. Much of what we do is through advocacy and certainly throughout the pandemic, the chapter has been active advocating for our interests in Annapolis.

Throughout the 90-day Maryland general assembly session, chapter members held weekly meetings with our chapter lobbyist Danna Kauffman to review, discuss, and take positions on bills related to the fiscal year budget, the expansion of services for other health occupations, bills related to health insurance, bills related to behavioral health, and bills related to workplace violence. All of these bills impact

our ability to do our job and provide the best patient care possible.

One of the big successes for the physician community this year was the return of the Medicaid E and M reimbursement codes to Medicare parity for the first time since 2015. Also, passed this year was a bill from Maryland Medical Assistance Program which will cover comprehensive dental services for our underinsured adult population.

One of the big projects we worked on this past year revolved around the EQIP payment model. The Episode Quality Improvement Project is a newly proposed payment model being developed by the HSCRC with input from Med Chi and other medical specialty organizations. We've had over two dozen emergency physicians participate in our meetings over the past year. You'll be hearing a lot more about EQIP in the coming months.

Thanks to those of you who joined us for the 2022 Maryland ACEP Chapter Educational Conference & Annual Meeting, in April this year. I would like to thank Dr. Bond, Chair of the Conference & Education Committee for a successful conference. This year we had a very competitive Resident Competition. I would like to congratulate Dr. David Leon, from Johns Hopkins Hospital for winning and would like to recognize Dr. Ogunsanya from the University of Maryland as runner-up (by 1-point). Don't miss reading their articles below.

We have just concluded the ACEP Legislative Advocacy Conference, held annually in Washington, DC. Along with Drs. DeAngelis, Hirshon, and Kelen Maryland ACEP met with the offices both Maryland Senators and two Maryland Representatives to discuss emergency physician due process rights, the Medicare Physician Payment model, and protecting healthcare workers from violence. It is critical to share our stories with the lawmakers as bills come before Congress this year for each of these issues. Thank you and follow up emails were sent to the Maryland Senators and their staff to reiterate our discussions.

It has never been more clear than the last 2-years, how important emergency medicine is to the overall healthcare society. We will always have issues and challenges. Our success is dependent on the involvement of our membership. COVID has challenged us the last couple years and I am optimistic that recovery is well on the way. EQIP will bring new challenges but hopefully more opportunities for our specialty. And, of course, there will be other issues that we face in Annapolis. I want to congratulate all of the newly elected board members and counselors and thank all who have served over the past year and will continue to serve through the next year. I encourage you to get involved in your chapter this year. Our success is dependent on all of us working together. More information about the new Chapter Board can be found in the article below.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to write a short article for our chapter newsletter: EMinMD. This newsletter is for us as members of the chapter. Share your interesting cases, what you recently learned in your emergency department, a wish I knew this before story, or a case for the "Case Corner Section". We are thinking about adding to the chapter newsletter. Also, never forget to recognize a colleague. Please [send your articles](#) anytime to Adriana our Chapter Executive and she will make sure to add it one of our bi-monthly chapter newsletters.

Again, I am appreciative and thankful for the opportunity to serve as president of Maryland ACEP, and I am optimistic for 2022.

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**2022 Maryland ACEP Chapter Board & Councillors**

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***Update:* Leadership & Advocacy Conference**  
**ACEP's Leadership & Advocacy Conference - Representing Maryland**  
**Emergency Providers**  
**Sydney DeAngelis, MD, FACEP**

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure (I mean that – I truly enjoy this) of taking part in the ACEP's Leadership & Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. I have attended for over a decade, and I have always found this to be a worthwhile activity. However, given the tumultuous events of recent years, this one was particularly poignant. This was the largest turnout since the beginning of the pandemic. It was great, after the isolation imposed by Covid, to reconnect with friends I hadn't seen in a while. Just as importantly, I had the opportunity to make new connections with Emergency Physicians from around the country.

This course always has top notch educational offerings. The first day consisted of a primer on the basics of healthcare advocacy, legislation, and regulation. The next day's presentations took on the current challenges and opportunities in Emergency Medicine. On the practice management side, doctors from Virginia shared their efforts against down coding for Medicaid patients. Another panel explored consolidation in healthcare, and its impact on the practice of Emergency Medicine. One talk laid out the difficulties of navigating the Medicare fee schedule. Not surprisingly, given the current climate, provider wellness was an area of two particularly eye-opening presentations. Dr. Liselotte (Lotte) Dyrbye expounded upon

her research on provider burnout. Dr. James Phillips confronted the epidemic of workplace violence in the ED. If you have time to delve further into both these physicians' research, I highly recommend them.

As the name of the conference suggests, a main goal of LAC is to engage in advocacy with legislators and government officials. This year, we celebrated successes and tackled current problems. Adm. Rachel Levine, the keynote speaker, asked us to join in serving the needs of diverse populations, and to address disparities in healthcare. Sen. Tim Kaine, sponsor of the Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Act, reviewed getting this legislation passed, and the next steps in providing for improving the wellbeing of those on the front line. On Tuesday, we moved on to a highlight of the conference, lobbying our Maryland legislators. We met as a delegation with staff of Sen. Cardin, Sen. Van Hollen, Rep. Trone, and Rep. Sarbanes. We asked them to prevent disastrous cuts in Medicare payments, and to collaborate with us to craft long-term solutions. We sought support for legislation to protect healthcare workers from violence in the workplace. We urged our legislators to support the "ER Hero and Patient Safety Act," a bipartisan bill that would guarantee due process for Emergency Physicians.

In summary, the LAC is one more than just a conference. It is a powerful tool to advocate for ourselves, our patients, and our specialty. Once you attend, you'll want to return every year. I highly encourage anyone interested making a positive impact to consider joining us next year, April 30th through May 3rd, 2023.

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### **News Education Committee** **Michael C. Bond, MD, FAAEM, FACEP**

Maryland ACEP hosted its annual Educational Conference & Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 21st at the Marriott BWI in a hybrid fashion. We had approximately 80 in-person, and another 20 who joined virtually and watched the live lectures. Lectures included updates on documentation and billing changes coming in 2023; how to treat transplant train wrecks and massive GI bleeds; a ration approach to syncope evaluations and whether contrast actually causes kidney injuries. Gillian Schmitz, ACEP President, provided a national ACEP update, and we had keynote speakers from Michael Weinstock, MD on BounceBacks in the ED, and Emily MacNeill, MD speaking on caring for Transgender patients in the Emergency Department.

The chapter also hosted the 3rd Annual Resident Competition which featured great talks on Autism in the ED, Gentrification, Push-Dose Antibiotics, and two lectures on using Ultrasound to evaluate for Pulmonary Embolism and Right Ventricular dysfunction. Ultimately, David Leon, MD from Johns Hopkins took home the Linder Cup with his talk on Push-Dose Antibiotics. The competition was so close that a runner-up prize was awarded to Elizabeth Ogunsanya, MD from the University of Maryland who spoke on Gentrification in the Emergency Department.

If you registered and have not had a chance to watch all of the amazing content, please click [here](#) to watch the lectures that you missed. Please also click [here](#) to complete your conference evaluation and claim your CME.

Please [email the chapter](#) if you are interested in joining the chapter Education Committee or have recommendations for topics or speakers for next year. We are also looking to break out of the BWI Airport area, so if you have a recommendation for a great location, [please let us know](#).

Finally, are there other educational topics that we should host. For instance, would you be interested in evening lectures on different clinical topics to help meet your stroke, trauma or other CME needs? [Please let us know your thoughts](#).

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**News Legislative & Public Policy Committee**  
**Physicians a “Winner” in the 2022 Legislative Session**  
**Theresa E. Tasse, MD**  
**Danna Kauffman - Chapter Lobbyist**

The 2022 Legislative Session saw positive strides in reimbursement, scope of practice and insurance negotiations for physicians. As a result of strong and consistent physician advocacy, Governor Hogan included **\$68.5 million** in the FY 2023 budget to restore Medicaid reimbursement for evaluation and management codes to 100% of Medicare rates, which becomes effective July 1, 2022. This was a high priority of MDACEP. In addition to re-establishing parity with Medicare, the FY2023 budget also includes \$4.4 million for the Maryland Loan Assistance and Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants. Initially, the Governor included \$1.4 million in the FY 2023 budget but then increased that amount in a supplemental budget by \$3 million. Overall, a great budget year.

While legislation was introduced to expand the scope of practice for various licensed health occupations, the majority was met with resistance from the physician community, included MDACEP, and failed. These included **House Bill 790/Senate Bill 311: Health Occupations – Podiatric Physicians (failed)**, which would have allowed podiatrists to use the term “podiatric physician;” **House Bill 276/Senate Bill 513: Health Occupations – Clinical Nurse Specialists – Prescribing Authority (failed)**, which would have allowed a clinical nurse specialist to prescribe medications and to “order, perform, and interpret . . . diagnostic tests;” and **Senate Bill 808/House Bill 961--Health Occupations – Physician Assistants – Revisions (failed)**, which would have removed the “supervision” requirement and making it a collaborative relationship.

Regarding insurance negotiations, **House Bill 1148 / Senate Bill 834: Health Insurance – Two-Sided Incentive Arrangements and Capitated Payments – Authorization (passed)** allows insurance carriers to enter into two-sided incentive arrangements and capitated models with physicians and other health care practitioners. The legislation specifically states that entering into these arrangements is voluntary and that an insurance carrier may not reduce a physician’s fee schedule based on the physician not entering into an arrangement.

For those that chose to participate, the legislation, among other protections, limits recoupment to not more than 50% of the excess above the mutually agreed upon target budget, specifies that the maximum liability for total recoupment may not exceed 10% of the annual payments from the carrier to the physician, and states that the opportunity for gains by a physician must be greater than the opportunity for recoupment by the carrier. With these and the other protections required in the legislation, the legislation provides some of the strongest protection on value-based arrangements in the country.

For a full review of the 2022 Session and the bills of interest to MDACEP, [see the Sine Die Report](#).

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**Resident Corner**

**David Leon, MD**



## Johns Hopkins Hospital

It was an honor and a privilege to be part of Maryland ACEP's Educational Conference & Annual Meeting this year. I was lucky enough to attend the conference during my intern year, and I yearned to return.

The Resident Competition offered a perfect avenue to make a return to the conference.



Taking part in the educational activities of Maryland ACEP offers a great way for residents to get exposure of importance to our fellow Maryland EM physicians, as well as network with regional ACEP representatives.

My personal motivation for participating in the presentation competition was to deliver a novel and potentially practice-changing concept to the EM providers of Maryland, in hopes of potentially motivating change and quality improvement in my subject matter of antibiotic administration. The presentation also allowed me to prepare for presentations further in my career, at the local, regional, and even national level. It was a great chance to engage with Maryland ACEP physicians and discuss different practice patterns. I highly encourage other residents, from all the Chesapeake area residencies, to participate in this wonderful opportunity!



**Elizabeth Ogunsanya, MD**  
**University of Maryland**



I first heard about the Maryland ACEP resident competition from a resident who recently graduated from my program. He spoke highly about the conference and enjoyed having the opportunity to discuss a topic of his choice with his colleagues.

His positive experience motivated me to register for the competition, which was my first oral presentation as a resident physician.

Signing up for this competition motivated me to choose a topic that would promote discussion amongst my colleagues and change our practice habits in emergency medicine. I also enjoyed pushing myself to create an engaging and audience friendly presentation. Overall, I would recommend this opportunity for any resident of any level of training. This is a great way to improve your presentation skills, but also network and discuss the variety of ways in which emergency medicine can be practiced.



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**Sentinel Newspaper**  
**Gregory N. Jasani, MD**

Read the interesting article written by Dr. Jasani, an Alternate Councillor, that was printed in the [Sentinel Newspaper](#).

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**Welcome New Members!**

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**Other Chapter Events**



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