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President's Message

Michael A. Silverman, MD, FACEP

Dear Colleagues,

Every administrative job has a rhythm with periods of intense activity. In the ER, it might be budget season or preparing for Joint Commission. In Maryland ACEP, it's the legislative session. The session started January 11th and spans three months.

The public policy committee is meeting weekly. Several docs have provided testimony already. There are always bills that impact healthcare, and often specifically impact emergency physicians. There are always scope of practice expansion bills, and this year is no exception. As you'll read about in the public policy section below, we've had a lot of discussion regarding fentanyl testing as well.

The chapter's educational conference is just around the corner. We are fortunate to have so much local talent to draw from, yet we also have national speakers. Again, this year, we'll close the day highlighting local resident talent who are competing for the Linder Cup. We have both virtual and in person options and if you've never attended, I highly encourage coming out for the education and to network with your colleagues.

The Practice Management Committee is busy putting together meetings to discuss topics that may impact your future pay as well as sharing best practices. We've also begun planning for the ACEP Council meeting this fall.

Maryland ACEP is the voice of our emergency physicians around the state. We have a voice within MedChi, Maryland's house of medicine, as well as with the state

legislature. We welcome your involvement and input. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or want to learn how you can get more involved.

I hope to see you at the [conference](#).

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News Legislative & Public Policy Committee

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The 2023 Maryland General Assembly Session began on January 11th and is in full swing. MDACEP holds weekly legislative meetings on Mondays to review and discuss bills introduced in the session.



The second week of Session is when Governor Moore took the oath and began building his cabinet. Dr. Laura Herrera Scott is the new Maryland Secretary of Health. Dr. Herrera Scott “served as a vice president at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, held the position of medical director of population and community health at Johns Hopkins Healthcare and served as deputy secretary of public health under former Gov. Martin O’Malley” ([WYPR, Jan 12, 2023](#)). You can learn more about Dr. Herrera Scott [here](#).

MDACEP had a robust attendance and a successful annual Legislative Day in Annapolis on Thursday, January 26th at the Red, Red Wine Bar. Members that attended stated that they not only had an enjoyable time but were also able to hold valuable one-on-one conversations with legislators to help educate them about the needs and concerns of emergency medicine physicians and patients.

The week of March 12th marks the week before “cross-over,” meaning that all bills must be voted out of committee by the end of the week to allow adequate time to be read across to the opposite chamber. As such, the committees will be holding subcommittees, hearings, and voting schedule throughout the week.

Important bills that MD ACEP is following:

The bills regarding expansion of scope and revisions of duties regarding physician assistants have been heard in the House Health and Government Operations Committee and were heard earlier this week in the Senate Finance Committee -

Senate Bill 673/House Bill 727: Physician Assistants – Revisions (Physician Assistant Modernization Act of 2023)

Discussions continue between physicians and the physician assistants, but no agreements have been made.

House Bill 274/Senate Bill 387 Task Force on ED Wait Times

This bill convenes a Task Force to study and make recommendations (with

specificity) on how to address ED wait times. Several news articles have cited Maryland as having the worse wait times in the country. MDACEP along with MIEMMS and MedChi have worked on the bill to refine the composition and the charge.

House Bill 811 Hospitals – Overdoses – Testing for Fentanyl

At this time, this bill has passed the House of Delegates. The bill states that, if an individual is treated at a hospital and the hospital conducts a urine drug screening to assist in diagnosing the individual's condition, the hospital shall include testing for fentanyl in the individual's urine drug screening. If the urine drug screening detects fentanyl, the hospital must report the test results, which shall be deidentified, to the Department through CRISP. This does not apply to a hospital that does not have the chemical analyzer equipment.

If you would like to participate in future Monday legislative weekly calls held during the session, [contact the chapter](#).

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

The Education Committee is excited to present a fantastic line-up for the annual chapter [educational conference](#) & annual meeting on Thursday, March 30th. If you have not registered, it's not too late! Click [here](#) or on the image below.

Attendees will learn from a great mix of nationally known speakers like Rich Cantor and Michael Gravnosky, as well as several regional speakers from all around our state.

Topics will range from pediatrics to geriatrics, rural critical care, medication-assisted therapy for opiate use disorder, health equity and humanities, earning your RVUs, and more! The National ACEP update will be delivered by ACEP President-Elect and University of Maryland residency alumnus, Aisha Terry. We are also looking forward to the annual Linder Cup resident lecture competition.

If you have suggestions or would like to be involved in planning future Maryland ACEP educational conferences, please [submit your interest](#) and join the Education Committee!

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Thursday, March 30, 2023
8AM- 6PM

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Richard Cantor, MD, FAAP, FACEP
Initial Management of the Critically Ill Infant
Mistakes You Don't Want to Make in Pediatric Emergency Patients



Michael Granovsky, MD, FACEP
Protecting Your RVUs in 2023: Documentation Best Practices



Aisha T. Terry, MD, MPH - ACEP President-Elect
National ACEP Update

www.mdacep.org/2023conf/

News Practice Management Committee
J. David Gatz, MD, FACEP
Edana D. Mann, MD, FACEP (Co-Chair)



Emergency medicine, nationwide and especially in the state of Maryland, continues to face new and/or intensified challenges. Maryland leads the nation in inpatient boarding, new EMS offloading policies are on the horizon, and there are continued interests from State agencies on how to optimize ED quality ... it can be hard to keep up!

That is why the Practice Management Committee is here for you. In the past several months we joined MDACEP leadership during discussions with the Maryland state government regarding several proposed changes regarding management of emergency department patients. Ultimately all parties came to the same conclusions - the proposals were not currently feasible and were thus tabled. But more potential changes are headed your way.

Make sure to check your availability to two important upcoming virtual PMC events: (1) a discussion of the current and future state of EMS offloading with Dr. Tim Chizmar from 7-8PM on Tuesday, April 11th, and (2) a discussion of possible future

"global budget" strategies for emergency medicine with Dr. Jesse Pines from 9-10AM on Wednesday, April 19th.

Future State of EMS Offloading

Join the MDACEP Practice Management Committee as we host Dr. Tim Chizmar, State EMS Medical Director for a timely discussion of a critical topic in Maryland. EMS offloading! What's working? What's not? What's next for CHATS? Bring your own questions as well to the conversation as we learn what the future holds. To join, [contact](#) the chapter.

Future Global Budget Strategies for EM

Join the MDACEP Practice Management Committee as we host Dr. Jesse Pines to discuss the global budget. HSCRC has expressed interest in developing a model for emergency physicians. Dr. Pines has been working behind the scenes to develop a concept of what this would look like. This is an important opportunity to hear about it firsthand over Zoom and provide feedback. To join, [contact](#) the chapter.

Do YOU have clinical or operations questions that you would like to see addressed by the PMC? Be it workplace violence, elopements, sepsis compliance, or any other topic ... we are here for you and are happy to hunt down experts to speak in future events on the topics that matter most to you. Just email us at [David Gatz](#) and [Edana Mann](#).

2023 ACEP QI Challenge

The ACEP Quality & Patient Safety Committee (QPSC), in partnership with the Section of Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (QIPS), are pleased to announce a Call for Applications for the 2023 ACEP QI Challenge.

[Apply Today to Win the 2023 ACEP QI Challenge](#)

The American College of Emergency Physicians' QI Challenge recognizes and spotlights quality improvement and patient safety projects within emergency medicine, especially projects that address disparities in care, focus on ACEP's Choosing Wisely recommendations, and those led by medical students, residents, and fellows. Submission deadline is May 31.

National ACEP especially welcome applications for QI Projects within the following domains:

1. Addressing Disparities in Care - especially those efforts to improve behavioral health care in the ED
2. Projects that focus on ACEP's Choosing Wisely recommendations
3. Projects led by trainees (including medical students, residents, and fellows)

Projects will be judged on their overall impact, relevance to one of the three above categories, and improvement science methodology. Projects must be completed within the last 2-years. Award recipients will be chosen from each of the three domains listed above, for a total of 3-winners! Recipients will receive recognition at ACEP Scientific Assembly 2023, publication in ACEP Now and QIPS Newsletter, and recognition through ACEP's communication channels.

Here are some helpful resources to aid you in your submission.

[QI Challenge Scoring Sheet](#)
[Submission Example](#)

Applications are due May 31, 2023 by submitting online at the link below.

Learn more and [apply](#) today!

Dental Survey

A colleague within the University of Maryland School of Dentistry reached out with an IRB-approved survey about dental care in the emergency department settings.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It: A National Dental Survey of the Emergency Room Physician.

Dear Doctor,

My name is Courtney M. Jackson, DDS, a second-year endodontic resident at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. I am conducting a brief survey to evaluate the comfort level and satisfaction of Maryland state members of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in assessing and rendering care to patients who present to a hospital emergency department (ED) with emergent and non-emergent dental problems. Survey responses will be used to construct a Continuing Medical Education (CME) course focused on managing dental pain, traumatic dental injuries and dental infections. Continuing medical education credits will be awarded to course participants.

The survey consists of twenty-two questions and is expected to take 10-minutes to complete. This is an anonymous educational survey; we will not collect your name or any identifying information about you. You will not be linked to your survey responses. Thank you for your participation!

Please click on the [link](#) to complete the survey.

Welcome Members!

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