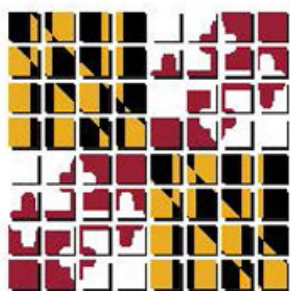


A Newsletter for the Members of the Maryland ACEP Chapter - October 2023

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President's Message

Michael A. Silverman, MD, FACEP

Just like the fall marks the excitement and start of the school year for kids and families, the fall really kicks off our busy season with Maryland ACEP. As you will read about in this issue, we held our Pre-Council Summit in September in preparation for our Maryland ACEP Councillors to represent us at the ACEP Council Meeting (which is held prior to the Scientific Assembly).

Many thanks to Dr. Jonathan Hansen who served as our Lead Councillor, organizing our Pre-Council Summit, and keeping everyone up to speed during the someone chaotic council. Council ended on a high note as Dr. Aisha Terry took the reigns as our ACEP President. Many of you know Dr. Terry from the time she spent at the University of Maryland and since she maintains her professional presence in DC, she's attended other Maryland ACEP events over the last couple of years.

It is not too early to begin planning for the Maryland Legislative Session. The session runs from mid-January to early April, and we will meet via zoom with our lobbyist on Monday's at 1pm throughout the session. There are also issues and potential bills that

require our input. Everyone is welcome to attend. We are also looking for someone to chair this committee. No experience is necessary but commitment to attending (most) meetings and an interest in the legislative process is helpful.

Along with the start of the legislative session, comes my favorite event of the year. It's our time to meet and discuss our issues with the legislators in-person. We are excited to announce that it will be held on Wednesday, January 24th and again be held again at the Red Red Wine Bar in Annapolis. I highly encourage you to attend, even if it's just to network with other emergency physicians and enjoy a really nice night out.

Emergency medicine is a great specialty. It's the only one I could see myself doing for the last 25-years. However, I know we also have our challenges. I fully expect a busy flu/COVID/RSV season this winter which will lead to the same old challenges we've faced with hospital crowding. But Maryland ACEP continues to engage with the healthcare community to find solutions. The state Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times has continued to meet. As it prepares to deliver its report to the Maryland Legislature, I want to thank our President-Elect Dr. Michael Bond for representing Maryland ACEP. The work is not done for the committee or for Maryland ACEP but together, we can have a voice that impacts throughout the state.

Legislative Update: 2024 Legislative Session Meetings
Danna Kauffman
Chapter Lobbyist

Weekly Zoom meetings will be held during our Legislative Session. The meetings will begin Monday, January 8th and go weekly (except MLK Day) until Monday, April 1st. Meetings will be held at 1:00PM EST and the same Zoom link will be used each week. Please add these weekly legislative session meetings to your calendar. Zoom link is below.



Topic: DLK - MDACEP Session Calls

Time: Jan 8, 2024 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week (except Martin Luther King) on Mon, until Apr 1, 2024, 12 occurrence(s)

Jan 8, 2024 01:00 PM

Jan 22, 2024 01:00 PM

Jan 29, 2024 01:00 PM

Feb 5, 2024 01:00 PM

Feb 12, 2024 01:00 PM

Feb 19, 2024 01:00 PM

Feb 26, 2024 01:00 PM

Mar 4, 2024 01:00 PM

Mar 11, 2024 01:00 PM
Mar 18, 2024 01:00 PM
Mar 25, 2024 01:00 PM
Apr 1, 2024 01:00 PM

[Weekly Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 865 0537 9662

Passcode: 629141

**Emergency Department Dramatic Improvement Effort (EDDIE)
Michael C. Bond, MD, FAAEM, FACEP
President-Elect**



The Maryland Hospital Association and MIEMSS continue to lead the effort to make changes to emergency department throughput. The state committee continues to meet monthly and is now in the problem-solving phase of its work.

I think most of the committee members have been able to clearly state that emergency department throughput is a direct reflection on Hospital throughput, but

some thoughts on how we can have some improvements on those patients that we are able to discharge are:

- Improved access to timely outpatient appointments
- Improvements in case management and timeliness in obtaining supportive services for patients so that they might be able to be discharged
- Evaluate the need for 3 days admissions prior to Skilled Nursing Home placement
- Improvements in prior authorization for treatment of orthopaedic fractures and other surgeries that currently can take up to two weeks if the patient is discharged

The MHA is also leading a larger Hospital Throughput Committee to see if there could be any efforts in helping to discharge patients sooner from hospitals when their acute care needs are done.

At this point, there are no quick answers, and many on the committee are unsure how we will come up with real world solutions in the next two months so I anticipate that this committee might be meeting sooner.

If you are interested in all the details of the EDDIE efforts read more [here](#).

Also national ACEP recently held its own national summit on boarding. Further information and their full report can be found [here](#).

If you have any real world solutions or potential great ideas please reach out to me at mbond@som.umaryland.edu. I would love to read/hear your thoughts.

2023 Council Meeting Summary
Written by: Jonathan L. Hansen, MD, FACEP
Karen Dixon, MD, FACEP
2023 Councillors

Jonathan L. Hansen, MD, FACEP

The 2023 ACEP Council meeting was held on the first weekend of October in Philadelphia, PA. The Maryland Chapter was represented by 7-Councillors, including Drs. Michael Bond, Arjun Chanmugam, Karen Dixon, Jonathan Hansen, Kathleen Keefe, Edana Mann, and Gentry Wilkerson.



ACEP Council is the forum by which ACEP members, represented by their chapter councilors, are able to bring issues of concern to the attention of the organization and its board of directors. This year, 62 resolutions were discussed and 46 were adopted, including one co-sponsored by our chapter (along with the Geriatrics section) to support the ways to improve reimbursement of the care of geriatric patients.

Several important issues were debated during this year's Council. There was much discussion centered about violent injuries from firearm use, which culminated in ACEP joining the AMA and many other organizations in declaring firearm violence as a public health crisis in the United States.

Other important issues include:

- Vendor transparency at ACEP conferences
- Support for EM residents over other providers for ED-based procedures
- Improving access for patients seen in rural hospitals
- Decreasing pediatric mental health boarding
- Establishing best practices for the management of early pregnancy loss.

The value of ACEP membership was also discussed. We encourage all of you to talk with your colleagues on membership – Council is a good example about how ACEP can advocate for you and your patients!

The meeting ended with the installation of our new ACEP president, Dr. Aisha Terry. Dr. Terry has strong ties to Maryland, from her training at the University of Maryland, and is currently on faculty at George Washington University. A new

council speaker was also elected, Dr. Melissa Costello, who trained at Johns Hopkins and now works in Alabama.

As we prepare for the 2024 ACEP Council, we are very interested in hearing from you and how we can best advocate for your interests at this important event.

Karen Dixon, MD, FACEP

Another exciting session on the books! This year's ACEP Council Meeting & Scientific Assembly were held in the town of Philadelphia. With the Phillies and the Eagles providing wins during our stay, the city of brotherly love was full of energy. Over the weekend there were 62 resolutions. 46 adopted. 9 not adopted. 7 referred to the Board.



Several of the adopted resolutions addressed needs for our residents in Emergency Medicine, such as supporting accreditation for both 3- and 4-year residencies, as well as right of first refusal in performing required procedures during training (over non-physicians).

Other resolutions supported advocacy in areas of transfer coordination between hospitals, especially relevant to our rural sites. ACEP will now state firearm violence is a public health crisis as a result of one resolution. Resolutions addressing firearm safety and storage to protect children and supporting a mandatory waiting period for firearm purchase were also adopted, but a resolution supporting a ban on weapons intended for military or law enforcement was defeated.

We also elected new officers including Dr. Costello as Speaker, Dr. McCrea as Vice Speaker, and Dr. Haddock as President-Elect. Our newest Board of Director members are Dr. Kraus, Dr. Mehrotra, Dr. Pitzele, and Dr. Shoemaker (incumbent).

Overall the weekend was a great success with robust discussion and debate of the resolutions. Technical issues did plague the venue again this year, despite a great discussion of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Dr. Mark Gillam CEO of Healthlab and Dr. Todd Taylor ACEP's EMD\CEDR Chief Vision Officer offered thoughts on the current and future state of AI in Emergency Medicine.

One statement shared by both is that we must adopt the technology because it is going to happen with or without us and we need to have input. The technology is growing exponentially, and we will need to adapt to its use. An interesting experiment completed during our session was asking ChatGPT to answer questions from the audience, including an attempt to write a resolution.

Next year's ACEP Council Meeting & Scientific Assembly will be held in Las Vegas. I hope you will all consider attending in the future!



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FOR THE
JOIN US! / 2024 Legislative
Reception /

DATE:

Wednesday
January 24, 2024

TIME:

6:00PM

DESTINATION:

Annapolis, MD

VENUE:

Red, Red, Wine Bar

189B MAIN STREET
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

/BUSINESS CASUAL /

RSVP / <https://shorturl.at/bpsTY>

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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
Annual Meeting

**Thursday,
April 11, 2024**

University of Maryland
SMC Campus Center
621 W. Lombard St, Baltimore, MD

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PrEP ED Provider Survey

You are being invited to participate in a research survey being conducted by George Washington University under the direction of Dr. Amanda Castel, MD, MPH. You have been asked to participate in this research survey because you are an emergency medicine provider in the DMV (DC/Maryland/Virginia) area.

The survey solicits basic information about providers' demographics, practice site characteristics, attitudes and beliefs about HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis or "PrEP". The purpose of the survey is to help the study team describe HIV provider characteristics and current attitudes and beliefs about providing PrEP in emergency care settings.

Taking part in this research survey is entirely voluntary. Your decision to participate or not participate in the survey will not, in any way, affect your career and/or

employment status. You may refuse to answer any of the questions at any time. There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts associated with completing this survey. You will not benefit directly from your participation.

The survey is confidential. Your answers will be identified using a study identification (ID) number and analysis of all responses will be conducted using this ID number. Your completed survey will be coded using your study ID number. It will not contain your name or any identifying information.

This survey should take approximately 10-minutes to complete. As a token of our appreciation for your participation in this survey, we will send you a \$25 gift card/certificate upon completion of the survey. Please provide us with your email address at the end of the survey so we can email you the gift card.

The survey link can be found [here](#).

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