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BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!



Updates from the President

Michael C. Bond, MD, FAAEM, FACEP

Welcome to Fall! I hope everybody is getting time to enjoy Pumpkin Spice, the fall color change, and enjoying the cooler weather. This is my favorite time of the year.

Maryland ACEP has been busy working for you. Twelve members represented you at the ACEP Council Meeting where important resolutions were debated and voted on helping to shape the mission of ACEP over the next year and beyond. Please read the subsequent article to learn more about the resolutions that were approved at ACEP.

Finally, our 7 Councillors listened to perspective Board Members and presidential hopefuls to help elect our next ACEP President and 4 Board of Directors' members. Unfortunately, Maryland ACEP member, Gabe Kelen, MD, who currently serves as the Chair of the Board of ACEP was not elected, and Ryan Stanton, MD from Kentucky was. I want to personally thank Dr. Kelen for his years of dedicated service to national ACEP and Maryland ACEP, and his unwavering commitment to improving Emergency Medicine for all.

There is a lot to look forward too. Maryland is scheduled to sign our next waiver with CMS in November. We should have more clarity about the *AHEAD* waiver and where medicine is headed in Maryland. We are working to hold a Townhall with Gene Ranson, Executive Director of MedChi, to gain additional insight on what is ahead. Look for an announcement coming soon for the Townhall in December.

For more information on *AHEAD*, read the subsequent article or please go to <https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/innovation-models/ahead>

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I would like to invite everybody to our annual *Legislative Reception* that will be held at the *Red, Red Wine Bar* in Annapolis on Wednesday, January 28th 6 PM EDT. This event is your chance to meet with your legislators as they start their 3-month legislative session. Closer to the date, more information will be provided on laws that are being introduced that could affect our practices and patients. Register here: <https://www.mdacep.org/legislative-reception/>

We will start holding Public Policy Meetings on Monday at 1 PM EDT via Zoom in January where our Chapter Lobbyist will provide weekly updates. For the 2026 Legislative Session, each weekly meeting will be held on Monday at 1 PM EDT as of Monday, January 26, 2026 until the session is over on Monday, April 13, 2026. A meeting will not be held on Monday, January 19th due to MLK Day. Zoom information is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81192301209?pwd=iOGXHYN0Y6tSmW000KCsjk2p3w7w2.1> (email us at info@mdacep.org to send the meeting invite that can be added to your calendar).

Our Education Committee is also working hard to secure outstanding speakers for our Annual Educational Conference to be held on Thursday, April 30 , 2026 in Baltimore at the SMC Campus. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, please email us at info@mdacep.org and we will forward your comments to the Chapter Education Committee.

Maryland ACEP appreciates your membership, and we are here to support you and your practice. Please feel free to reach out if there is anything you think that Maryland ACEP should be doing to improve the practice of emergency medicine.

All the best,

Michael C. Bond, MD, FAAEM, FACEP

Maryland Moves Forward with the AHEAD Model

Join a Virtual Listening Session!



Governor Wes Moore has launched a new *State Regulatory Working Group* to help advance Maryland's goals under the *AHEAD* Model, aimed at strengthening market stability, improving health care affordability, and ensuring access and quality across the state.

The group's first focus areas will be cost-shifting policies and Medicare Advantage stabilization—two key steps toward a more sustainable and equitable health system. To ensure broad input, the working group will host a virtual listening sessions for stakeholders:

Wednesday, November 5 | 2-3:30 PM EDT

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87951842697?pwd=oXzKS73WoqGo95sBtNQJE2hrbuXbRp.1>

Meeting ID: 879 5184 2697

Passcode: 845964

Participants are encouraged to share written feedback or offer brief remarks during one of the sessions. A draft policy proposal will be released for public comment in mid-November, with a final recommendation expected by December. Please register for the listening sessions using the Zoom links above. While those submitting public comments are welcome to attend both sessions, you will only present at one session—please indicate in your submission which you prefer.

This is a great opportunity for Maryland's emergency medicine community to have a voice in shaping the state's next phase of health reform. Learn more or submit input by emailing mdh.maryland-model@maryland.gov.



Read more about Governor Moore (<https://governor.maryland.gov/Pages/home.aspx>)

ACEP Council Meeting – Salt Lake City, Utah

A report from your Maryland ACEP Councillors!

**Jonathan Hansen, MD, FACEP
Treasurer & Lead Councillor**



The 2025 Council of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) convened in Salt Lake City, Utah, for a productive and impactful session. The Maryland Chapter was represented by a mix of experienced and new Councillors and Alternate Councillors:

Drs. Michael Bond, Gregory Corcoran, Kerry Forrestal, Daniel Gingold, Jonathan Hansen, Jon Mark Hirshon, Edana Mann, Patrick McCarville, Carolina Mendoza, and Debra Ravert.

The Council reviewed and deliberated on 91 resolutions, reflecting the collective priorities and concerns of emergency physicians nationwide. Of the resolutions considered, 67 were adopted, 13 were not adopted, one was withdrawn, and nine were referred—eight to the Board of Directors and one to the Council Steering Committee. The Board of Directors subsequently accepted all 65 non-Bylaws resolutions without changes and approved both Bylaws amendments adopted by the Council.

Among the adopted Bylaws resolutions were two significant recognitions: the establishment of the “Distinguished Fellow of ACEP” (FACEP(D) designation for long-standing members demonstrating exceptional commitment to the specialty, and the creation of the “International Fellow of ACEP” (FACEP(I) for members practicing outside the United States. These amendments reflect ACEP’s dedication to honoring excellence and expanding its global reach.

The Council also approved updates to the College’s Manual, revising procedures for addressing ethical violations and misconduct. The updated framework emphasizes transparency, due process, and the importance of maintaining professional standards within the College.

Public Health and Advocacy

Public health emerged as a central theme throughout the Council’s deliberations. Resolution 89, Support for Scientific Integrity in Medicine and Public Health, was authored by Maryland Chapter President-Elect Kerry Forrestal.

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It was co-sponsored by 30 individuals, including several ACEP Past-Presidents and Council Officers, plus 9 other state chapters. It recognized and commended Drs. Debra Houry, Demetre Daskalakis, and Daniel Jernigan for their work leading the CDC, and underscored ACEP's dedication to preserving the credibility of medical science through transparency, evidence-based practice, and the ethical dissemination of medical knowledge.

The Council also endorsed guidelines from leading medical organizations and emphasized the role of emergency physicians in promoting vaccine education and access, particularly in the face of rising misinformation and public skepticism.

Other resolutions addressed critical public health challenges, including firearm safety, comprehensive treatment approaches for substance use disorders, and reducing waste and improving sustainability efforts in health care. These actions reflect ACEP's broader commitment to public health leadership, recognizing the emergency department as a vital touchpoint for addressing systemic health issues and advancing community well-being.

Elections

Elections were held during the meeting. There was a close race for ACEP President, which led to a run-off between Dr. Gabe Kelen and Dr. Ryan Stanton. While Dr. Stanton prevailed, the Maryland Chapter extends its thanks to Dr. Kelen for his many years of service to the College, including two terms on the ACEP Board culminating with his leadership and Chair of the Board from 2024-2025.

Looking Ahead

The next ACEP Council meeting is scheduled for October 3-4, 2026, in Chicago, Illinois. The College extends its gratitude to all who participated in this year's meeting and to those who supported their colleagues by covering shifts back home. The 2025 Council session stands as a testament to the ongoing commitment of emergency physicians to shape the future of their profession through thoughtful governance, public health advocacy, and collective action.

EMPACT Committee

Make an EMPACT: Help Shape the Future of EM in Maryland!

Gregory Corcoran, MD, FACEP
EMPACT Treasurer



When policy decisions are made, emergency physicians must have a seat at the table—and a voice that's heard. That's where EMPACT, Maryland ACEP's Political Action Committee (PAC), comes in. EMPACT ensures that the concerns and expertise of emergency physicians are represented in Annapolis, advocating for legislation that protects our patients, our profession, and our ability to provide quality care.

Whether it's fighting against scope-of-practice overreach, protecting reimbursement, or advocating for fair workplace conditions, EMPACT amplifies the voices of Maryland's emergency physicians directly to state legislators and decision-makers.

Why Your Support Matters

EMPACT is powered entirely by member contributions. Every dollar goes toward building relationships with policymakers, educating them on the challenges we face in the ED, and pushing for policy solutions that make a real impact. Without strong PAC support, our influence is limited—no matter how compelling our message.

How You Can Help

- **Donate Today:** Even a small contribution makes a big difference.
- **Encourage Your Colleagues:** Share why you give to EMPACT and invite others to do the same.
- **Stay Engaged:** Join our advocacy efforts throughout the year and stay informed on legislative priorities.

We don't just respond to policy—we shape it. And with your help, we can keep making Maryland a better place to practice emergency medicine.



Make your EMPACT today. Together, we're stronger!

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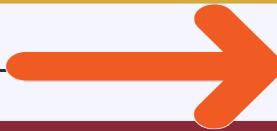


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Call for Speakers: Shape the Future of Emergency Medicine in Maryland!



Are you passionate about sharing your expertise, inspiring your peers, and helping move emergency medicine forward? Here's your chance to take the mic!

Maryland ACEP is now accepting speaker proposals for our **2026 Educational Conference & Annual Meeting**, taking place Thursday, April 30, 2026, at SMC Campus Center in Baltimore, Maryland. This is your opportunity to engage fellow emergency physicians, showcase your knowledge, and spark ideas that can shape the future of our specialty.

Whether your interests lie in clinical innovation, leadership, wellness, quality improvement, advocacy, or education—your voice matters. We're looking for diverse, dynamic presentations that inform, challenge, and inspire.

Why Present?

Share your expertise with colleagues who value your insight | Build your professional visibility and network within the Maryland emergency medicine community | Strengthen your CV and gain valuable speaking experience | Be part of the statewide conversation on the future of EM practice

Presentation Topics May Include

Clinical updates and case-based learning | Quality improvement and patient safety | ED operations, staffing, and systems innovation | Physician leadership, wellness, and burnout prevention | Advocacy, policy, and health system change | Research or innovative projects from your institution

Ready to Speak Up?

Submit your proposal by *Friday, November 7th* using the Speaker Interest Form linked below.

📣 Submit Your Speaker Proposal Here: <https://www.mdacep.org/call-for-speakers-3/>

Join us in creating a program that's as dynamic and forward-thinking as the Maryland emergency medicine community itself. Your experience and ideas can make a difference — let's lead, learn, and inspire together!

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