

Colorado ACEP Board of Directors - Board Candidate Data Sheet

NAME: Rebecca Kornas, MD

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

American College of Emergency Physicians

Fellow

September 2018 – present

USACS

Scholars Program, *Graduate*

November 2018

Education Committee, *Member*

2016 – present

Society for Airway Management

Special Projects Committee: Out of Operating Room Airway Management, *Member* 2016 – present

Please list any past or present leadership positions in organized medicine

USACS

Golden and Arvada Emergency/Urgency Centers, *Medical Director*

June 2019 – present

Clinical Quality and Patient Safety Advisory Board, *Member*

2017 – 2018

Centura

Alcohol Withdrawal Treatment Work Group, *Physician Lead*

February 2018 – present

St Anthony Hospital

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, *Member*

2017 – present

STEMI Committee, *Member*

2017 – February 2018

Hennepin County Medical Center

Chief Resident

2014 – 2015

Graduate Medical Education Committee, *Member*

2013 – 2015

Residency Leadership Team, *Member*

2013 – 2015

Wayne State University School of Medicine

Promotions and Tenure Committee, *Member*

2012

Student Senate - American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)

Organization of Student Representatives, *Delegate*

2008 – 2012

COLORADO/NATIONAL ACEP ACTIVITIES

Colorado ACEP Legislative Advocacy Fellow – 2019-2020

Testimony at the Senate Judiciary Hearing on April 15, 2019

Met with Senator Gardner's Regional Director on July 23, 2019 regarding out of network billing legislation

Legislative Advocacy Conference – Physician Advocate - 2018 and 2020

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

During this last year, as the legislative advocacy fellow, I have developed a growing interest in the business of Colorado ACEP. I am committed to continuing to advocate at both the state and national level to protect our profession and our patients. With more balanced billing legislation coming down the pipe along with potential cuts to emergency physician Medicare reimbursement, it is more important than ever to work with legislators and educate them about how this will affect their constituents and local hospitals.

I have appreciated the engaged and proactive manner in which our board members worked together to coordinate conferences with emergency medicine physicians across the state to share PPE concerns, volume contraction data and best practices during our current COVID-19 pandemic. It is impressive what we can accomplish when we work together, instead of in silos.

After discussions with several of my colleagues, I feel that there is an opportunity to develop another such group via a young physicians' section. With the proliferation of contract management groups across the United States and more specifically in Colorado, there has been an increased focus in emergency medicine on hitting certain budgetary metrics. This has pushed emergency medicine physicians out of the emergency department and replaced them with the less expensive and less experienced advanced practice providers. I fear this practice will only become more widespread, if emergency medicine physicians remain passive on the sidelines. There has been a move toward staffing small rural emergency departments with nurse practitioners and physician assistants with the stated goal of meeting the needs of the community, but I do not think this scope of practice creep will end in rural America. I am concerned that these practitioners with only two to three years of post-graduate medical training compared to physicians with seven to eight years of post-graduate medical training will continue to encroach on our practice, offer suboptimal care for our patients and erode the integrity of our profession. I see the utility of working with advanced practice providers but I am concerned that in our enthusiasm to meet budgets, we will sell ourselves short and lose our profession to these capable but significantly less well-trained individuals. I am interested in further delving into this topic and coming up with proactive actions that Colorado ACEP via this young physicians section could produce.