

A Newsletter for the Members of the Colorado Chapter - Summer 2022



EMERGENCY MEDICINE

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CO ACEP President's Corner

Allison Trop, MD, FACEP

Isn't it hard to believe that summer is almost over? It has been one rainy season, but don't all Coloradoan's agree, we need the moisture! Just as we thought COVID was winding down; cases are rising, and a new disease is on the horizon. Personally, I was super frustrated with my summer of COVID.

I made it 2.5 years of diligent PPE wearing and masking only to contract COVID 8 months pregnant. Luckily, a milder disease due to the highly effective vaccines I received, but it still knocked me off my feet for several weeks.

Next on the horizon is Monkeypox, and we have yet to see what that may hold for us. We have weathered a long 2.5 years of one pandemic, and I understand the fear and anxiety that fills us all about the possibility of the continued COVID pandemic and new disease arising. First, and foremost, we have to take care of ourselves. Burnout is reaching new heights, reportedly higher now in emergency medicine than any other specialty. We have spent several years working harder and longer than ever before. Coming home with fear of infecting our families and friends and no end in sight. Now is an important time to consider self-care and ways to take a step back and renew our reasons for practicing excellent emergency medicine. There are ways to do this at work and home.

In the workplace I encourage you to consider talking to your groups about ways to improve morale. Focusing on good saves, examples of teamwork, positive patient reviews and overall viewing what we do in a more positive light, rather than focusing on issues and bad outcomes. This can go a long way in making our professional lives more positive and pleasant. Don't get me wrong, quality review is important, especially in our field when so much is on the line. However, we could take a tip from the airline industry who focuses on highlighting successes and building strong cohesive teams in that manner. I recently read a book that I think could be beneficial to all EM leaders; *Creating Magic* by Lee Cockrell (former Disney CEO). Disney often considered the "happiest place on earth", might be a good place for us to take a couple tips from for improving our own work environments. It's a great read and I highly recommend it.

At home as summer is winding down, go out and enjoy all that Colorado has to offer. Climb that 14er on your list, take the mountain bike for another spin, or just sit on your patio and enjoy a Colorado craft brew. Whatever makes you happy and slows life down for a bit, seek those things out and make them a priority. It is extremely important that we take care of ourselves and our families first. Not only does this make us happier, more

fulfilled people, but will allow us to care for others in our professional settings with more attention and compassion.

From The Capitol

Dan Jablan
CoACEP Lobbyist



Greetings from Denver! Despite the heat, we hope your summer is going swimmingly.

Here, activities are picking up. Post-session PTSD has finally worn off, vacations are mostly finished, and the legislature's interim committees are meeting to prepare legislation for the 2023 legislative session starting, gulp, next January. And now that Colorado's primary elections have passed, the endless fundraising and runup to the November general election is in full tilt.

Suffice to say there is plenty to keep track of! [Read More about each of these activities.](#)

- Unaffiliated Voters Turn Out for Primary Election
- Control of The Colorado State Senate Hinges on Seven Races
- November General Election Ballot Measures
- On The 2022 Ballot
- Initiatives Cleared for Signature Gathering
- Legislative Interim Committees

Elections have consequences. To that end, CO ACEP has a Small Donor Committee (a form of a political action committee) so that we can support candidates that share our mission of promoting the interests and values of emergency physicians and their patients. In Colorado, Small Donor Committees (SDC's) are unique in that they may not accept contributions of more than \$50 per person per calendar year. By limiting the amount that can be contributed to the SDC, the SDC can make larger expenditures to candidates. Please consider making a small contribution (\$50 or less) to the ACEP, Colorado Chapter SDC. our money stays local and helps your Colorado emergency medicine advocacy organization support legislators friendly to emergency medicine and its goals. [Make your contribution here.](#)

Save the Date..

for two great opportunities in the Colorado mountains this fall!

November 3 & 4, 2022
Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa



Registration Opens Soon

November 3rd - Medical Directors' Summit

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*

November 4th - Emergency Medicine: High Risk – Do Not Miss² CME program

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*

Special room and resort rates for both of the events and through the weekend have been negotiated.

This is a great opportunity to get to the mountains and mingle with your colleagues from across the state – something we have all missed for the past several years.

CO ACEP Member Spotlight Eric Hill, MD, FACEP



Where did you train?

- Medical school: LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans
- Residency: Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, TX

Where do you practice in Colorado?

- The Medical Center of Aurora. Partner with CarPoint in Denver.

Why did you choose to practice where you do?

- I am from Colorado and was excited to come back to Colorado after my time in the US Army. I was fortunate to find a position with CarPoint to practice along the front range area.

Hobbies outside of medicine?

- Travel, snow skiing, mountain biking, hiking, scuba diving

Favorite place to visit in Colorado?

- I love getting up to Summit County and Grand County all year round to enjoy all that the mountains have to offer.

Anything else you would like us to know about you?

- Besides my work in emergency medicine and EMS, I deploy as a physician to national disasters with NDMS, and to international disasters with Team Rubicon on their WHO EMT Type 1 medical team. I find the delivery of humanitarian care in the most challenging of circumstances to keep me passionate about being a physician.

What issues would you like to see CO ACEP address this year?

- I think the delivery of quality emergency medicine to our patients has never been more challenging than it is now. I think supporting initiatives to improve the staffing situations in our hospitals and making our jobs easier is key to our resiliency and career satisfaction.



Upcoming Events Calendar

- September 21, 12pm – 2pm - Board of Directors
 - September 29 & 30 – ACEP Council meeting, San Francisco, CA
 - October 1-4 – [ACEP22 SA](#), San Francisco, CA
 - November 3 & 4 – CME Program/Medical Directors Mtg. @ Hyatt in Beaver Creek
 - November 3 or 4 12pm – 2pm - Board of Directors @ Hyatt in Beaver Creek
 - January 25, 2023 12pm – 2pm - Annual Meeting @ Denver Art Museum
 - January 25, 2023 2pm – 3pm – Board of Directors
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Current Resources for Monkeypox

Provided to CoACEP from the

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

- [CDPHE Monkeypox Main Page](#)
- [Resources for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [Monkeypox CDPHE Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [CDPHE Home Isolation Guidance for Patients](#) (this might be helpful to build into EMR discharge paperwork)
- [CDC COCA Calls on Monkeypox](#)
- [Tecovirimat \(TPOXX\) Treatment Considerations](#)
- [Tecovirimat \(TPOXX\) IND Protocol](#)
- Email for TPOXX Inquiries: tpoxx@state.co.us (our individual emails are also listed in the HAN).
- CDPHE Testing and Monkeypox Inquiries: 303-692-2700 (303-370-9395 after hours for urgent and/or time-sensitive needs only).

Welcome New CO ACEP Members!

Gregory Adams, DO
Paul Benz, MD
Andrew Bolano, MD
Risa Brudney, MD
Carson Cotrino, MD
Tiffany Cung
Jessica Paige Dalio, MD
Rachel Demby
James Dunleavy, MD
Kathryn Taylor Eastley, MD
Spencer I Evans
Andra Farcas, MD
Joseph Farrell
Ben Flitter, MD
Dylan Foley, MD
Juan Galindez Mingo
Michael Gleason, DO
Charles Harris, III, MD
Shelah Naarah, Hayes, MD
Gavin Hamilton Inglis, MD, FACEP
Raymond Jabola, DO
Sam Kaskovich, MD
Scarlett Ildiko Kass
Alayna Taylor Knutson
Kelli Lewis, MD, FACEP
Lucia Lin, MD
Beth Allison Longenecker, DO, FACEP
Dylan R Luyten, MD, FACEP
Deeksha Madala, MD
Daniel R Merrill
Zachary Miller
Darren Morris, MD, FACEP

Carolyn Murphy, MD
Daniel Naylor, MD
Maxx Nichols
Matthew D Nimmo, DO
Kurtsy M Oswald, DO
Ashley E Pickering, MD, MPH
Kaitlin Roth, MD
Caitlin S Rublee, MD, MPH
Brian Allen Russ, DO
Mary Ryan, MD
Anna F Schubert, MD
Parth Shah, DO
Sam W Slade, DO, FAAEM, MBA, FAWM
John Ryan Spartz, MD
Nicholas Sweda, MD
David Procter Thomson, MD, FACEP
Kaitlyn Rosemary Todd
Caroline Elizabeth Vance
Melissa Villars, MD, MPH
Timothy L Vo, MD
Katharine Weber, Weber, MD
Forrest C Wells, Wells, MD
Wesley Williams, MD

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ACEP Resources & Latest News

New Monkeypox Emergency Medicine Project Requests Case Images

ACEP has partnered with VisualDx to create the [Monkeypox Emergency Medicine Project](#). Together we are asking you to contribute your confirmed monkeypox case images to the initiative. Images will be deidentified and made freely accessible to ACEP members to better assist recognition, clinical care, and education. It will also be available within the VisualDx system. [Learn more](#).

More Monkeypox Resources: We are regularly updating our [Monkeypox Field Guide](#) and providing weekly rundowns in the [Emerging Threats Communication Hub](#), an open discussion forum for all ACEP members.

Current Insurer Calculation of Qualified Payment Amount for Out-of-Network (OON) Care May Violate No Surprises Act

A new study indicates health insurers are trying to game the system again. [Learn more.](#)

Apply for ACEP's Reimbursement Leadership Development Program by Sept. 8. ACEP is sponsoring three members to attend several key events in order to train the future leaders in EM reimbursement. Commitment is estimated at 25 days of travel during the 18-month program. [Learn more.](#)

Advocacy at Home: August Recess Toolkit

Elected officials are heading back to their districts for the month and our [Advocacy At Home: August Recess Toolkit](#) can help you set and prepare for local meetings with federal legislators or staff. This is a great time to share your stories that personalize our calls for policy changes. Find this toolkit and more helpful resources for speaking with media and legislators in [ACEP's Media Hub](#).

Get Your Bike Helmet Ready! Dr. and Lady Glaucomflecken are Speaking at ACEP22

Don't miss these social media sensations as they share their perspectives about the physician, patient and family experience. Join us Oct. 1-4 in San Francisco for the [world's largest EM educational conference!](#) Use promo code CALLI to save \$100 before Aug. 26.

ACEP22 Travel Discounts You Need to Know About

- Hotels: Seven ACEP22 hotels have [recently discounted rates](#) for you! If you already booked through OnPeak, your rates will be automatically lowered. If not, you can still book with these discounted rates.
- Airfare: ACEP + TripEasy = [savings up to 20% off flights](#)
- Registration: [Save \\$100 on registration with promo code CALLI.](#)

Myth BustED: Patients' Rights in the Emergency Department

ACEP recently launched a "Myth BustED" video series to debunk common misconceptions and educate the public about emergency care. In our first video—[Patients' Rights in the Emergency Room](#)—Dr. Avir Mitra educates patients about laws like EMTALA and the Prudent Layperson Standard that protect access to emergency care. [Watch now to see how ACEP is encouraging patients to always seek care when they need it.](#)

New Bedside Tool for Patients Experiencing Cancer Immunotherapy-related Issues

ACEP has a new point-of-care tool, ImmunoTox, focused on caring for patients who are experiencing adverse events related to cancer immunotherapy. The pathway includes history/physical, testing, management, disposition and immunotherapy pearls. The tool also includes six PDFs for optional download. [Learn more.](#)

Introducing the EM Opioid Advisory Network

Receive clinical guidance, discover tools and resources, and get your questions answered through ACEP's EM Opioid Advisory Network. ACEP's new initiative connects emergency physicians combating the opioid crisis with expert advice on managing Opioid Use Disorder patients presenting in the ED, creating a protocol to initiate buprenorphine, and more. The expert panel is here to help ALL emergency

health care professionals, free of charge. [Learn more.](#)

Virtual Grand Rounds: Trauma is coming up Aug. 31. [Register today.](#)

ACEP is seeking comments on a **draft clinical policy for patients with suspected appendicitis.** [Weigh in.](#)

Podcast: Have you checked out the [newest Frontline podcast](#) episode featuring EM physician and astronaut Dr. Thomas Marshburn?

Now Accepting ACEP23 Course Proposals

As we start our countdown to ACEP22 in San Francisco, we're already thinking about ACEP23 in Philadelphia! ACEP's Educational Meetings Subcommittee is now accepting course proposals for the 2023 Scientific Assembly. [Learn more.](#)

In Memoriam: [ACEP remembers emergency medicine pioneer Jim Roberts, MD, FACEP.](#) One of the first five board-certified emergency medicine physicians, Dr. Roberts became a household name in our specialty through his authorship of *Clinical Procedures in Emergency Medicine and Acute Care*, a prominent book that printed seven editions.

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

August 23-25: [Independent EM Group Master Class](#)

August 31: [Virtual Grand Rounds – Trauma](#)

October 1-4: ACEP Scientific Assembly in San Francisco ([Save \\$100 with promo code CALI.](#))

October 17-22: [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\)](#)

November 11: Last day to submit [ACEP23 course proposals](#)

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