

A Newsletter for the Members of the Colorado Chapter - Fall 2025

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***Spotlight on Rural Emergency Medicine***



**Dr. Laura Edgerley-Gibb, MD,  
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**President-Elect, CO ACEP**

Hello from your 2025 President  
Elect and friendly rural emergency  
physician!

Did you know that 47 of our 64  
Colorado counties are rural?

We have 32 critical access hospitals along with multiple small community hospitals in the state working to provide 24/7 care to our rural residents.

Rural emergency medicine is incredibly rewarding and challenging in all the best ways - we get to work with local community hospitals who are committed to reinvesting every penny back into their communities to provide care. Our ERs and hospitals are truly families where we care for neighbors, children, grandparents and friends - and where the grocery store is a prime location for another shopper to recognize you and let you know they recovered from the MI you diagnosed. We are managing pediatric DKA, stab wounds to the chest, elderly patients with broken hips and even the patient with an LVAD in town, waiting for their transplant. [Read more.](#)

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***ACEP25 Council Meeting***



*Colorado ACEP Council Delegation at ACEP25 (Salt Lake City, UT)*

The annual ACEP 2025 Council meeting took place in Salt Lake City, Utah, from September 4 to 6, followed by the educational Scientific Assembly (ACEP25) from September 7 to 10.

Councilors and alternates representing Colorado included Drs. Ricky Dhaliwal, Laura Edgerley-Gibb, Doug Hill, Bill Hilty, Rebecca Kornas, Abby Leibowitz, Carla Murphy, Kristen Nordenholz, Parth Shah, and James Thompson. Past ACEP President Brooks Bock sat with our delegation. [Read more.](#)

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***Upcoming Events Calendar***

### **CO ACEP 2026 Annual Meeting**

- January 22, 12pm-2pm Annual Meeting

### **CO ACEP 2026 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule**

- January 22, 2pm – 3pm Board of Directors
- March 5, 12pm – 2pm Board Directors
- May 7, 12pm – 2pm Board Directors (Councilor's Elected)
- July 2, 12pm – 2pm Board Directors
- September 3, 12pm – 2pm Board Directors
- November 5, 11am – 1pm Board Directors

### **CO ACEP 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Schedule**

- February 5, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee
- April 2, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee
- June 4, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee
- August 6, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee
- October 1, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee
- December 3, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee

### **Additional Important Meeting Dates**

- April 26-28, ACEP's 2025 Leadership & Advocacy Conference, Washington, DC
- October 3-4, 2026 – ACEP Council Meeting, Chicago, IL
- October 5-8, 2026 – ACEP Scientific Assembly, Chicago, IL

- November 5, 1pm – 5pm Leadership Symposium
- November 6, 8am – 5pm CME Program “EM: High Risk – Do Not Miss”

For more information about participating in any of the meetings listed above, please contact CO ACEP Executive Director Suzanne Hamilton at [suzanne.acep@comcast.net](mailto:suzanne.acep@comcast.net).

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#### FROM NATIONAL ACEP



#### ACEP Resources & Latest News

##### **Emergency Physicians Share Tips for a Safe Halloween**

With Halloween approaching, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) reminds everyone to [prioritize safety](#) so that a fun night of celebration does not include a trip to the emergency department. [Read more.](#)

##### **Emergency Physicians: Charting a Course for AI in Health Care**

ACEP members are driving policies and conversations about artificial intelligence (AI) in emergency medicine and beyond. [Read more.](#)

### **Federal Government Shutdown Update**

Please continue to visit this page for shutdown updates as the situation continues to evolve. [Read more.](#)

### **California ACEP Backs New Law Limiting Corporate Influence in Medicine**

A new California law restricts the influence of corporations in health care practices. California ACEP strongly supported the bill, Senate Bill 351, in alignment with ACEP's policy on corporate practice of medicine. [Read more.](#)

### **Emergency Physicians Urge Vaccination During Flu Season**

Flu season is here, and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the [CDC](#) recommend that everyone over the age of 6 months should get a flu shot annually with rare medical exceptions. [Read more.](#)

### **Emergency Physicians Care for Everyone Who Needs Help**

"Emergency departments (EDs) are a critical part of the nation's safety net, caring for everyone who seeks help—day or night, regardless of insurance status, immigration status, or ability to pay," said L. Anthony Cirillo, MD, FACEP, president of ACEP. [Read more.](#)

### **New Analyses Highlight Gaps and Emerging Risks of Health Care Consolidation and the Role of Private Equity in Health Care**

ACEP is pleased that federal policymakers and expert healthcare economics researchers continue to analyze the effects of various business practices across health care. [Read more.](#)

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## Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

### [Medical Directors Accreditation Webinar](#)

**November 5, 2025**

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Central Time

ACEP is the nation's leading professional body for emergency physicians and sets the standard for emergency medical care. Learn more about ACEP's accreditation programs to improve the quality of acute care to patients.

### [Staying Certified on the Move: A Conversation with ABEM's Dr. Melissa Barton](#)

**November 12, 2025**

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Central Time

ACEP's Locum Tenens Section is pleased to host Dr. Melissa Barton, ABEM's Executive Director, Professional and Clinical Affairs as she provides a brief ABEM update as well as guidance related to Improvement in Medical Practice (IMP) activities.

### [Talk with Tony](#)

**November 12, 2025**

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Central Time

Join ACEP President Dr. Tony Cirillo for his monthly chat with ACEP members. Get the inside scoop on the latest at ACEP and in emergency medicine.

### [Funding Issues in Disaster Medicine and Mass Gathering Medicine](#)

**November 18, 2025**

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Central Time

The University of Massachusetts Division of EMS and Disaster Medicine, in collaboration with the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), invites you to a live, CME-accredited webinar addressing the most

pressing educational needs in disaster medicine.

### **ACEP Accelerate**

**January 18-23, 2026**

San Diego, California

Emergency medicine continues to move beyond traditional routes. And more and more emergency physicians are looking for ways to elevate their career fulfillment. With multiple meetings in one location within the same week, ACEP Accelerate offers different tracks to forge ahead and rise to your career goals.

### **2026 ACEP Leadership & Advocacy Conference**

**April 26 - 28, 2026**

Washington, District of Columbia

Join your colleagues in Washington, DC, and make your collective voices heard to inspire change for your patients and your specialty.

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