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CO ACEP President's Corner



Dr. Jasmeet Dhaliwal, MD, MPH MBA

President, CO ACEP

Now More Than Ever: Why Colorado ACEP Matters for Emergency Medicine

The passage of the 2025 federal budget reconciliation bill has set in motion sweeping changes to our health care system—particularly for Medicaid beneficiaries—many of whom rely on emergency departments as their safety net. In Colorado, the downstream effects will be profound: rising uninsured rates, increased patient cost-sharing, and declining federal reimbursements threaten both access to care and the financial viability of emergency medicine practices statewide.

[Read more.](#)

From the Capitol



Dan Jablan

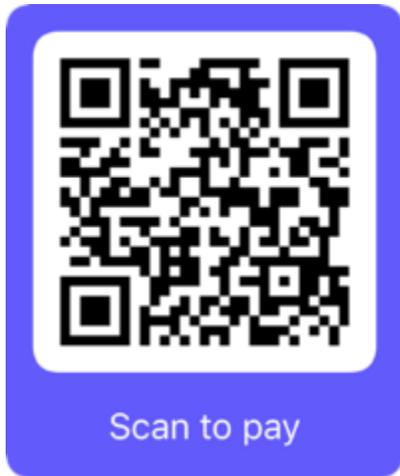
Lobbyist, CO ACEP

You can really tell its summer when the Colorado Rockies are struggling so much, currently on track to set the record for the worst baseball season ever, with a possibility of losing 137 games. But the average home game attendance at Coors Field is still in the top half of MLB teams. In 2023, the average was 32,196 per game. That fell to 31,360 in 2024. This year's average home game attendance so far is 28,518.

Governor Polis signed 476 bills into law and vetoed 11 this session. Lawmakers presented him with 487 measures for action. The 11 vetoes (8 House bills and 3 Senate bills) mark a record high for Polis. These vetoes reflect policy differences with progressive Democrats and a decline in the Governor's influence.

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Colorado ACEP 2025 Interview

Representative Rebekah Stewart

Hometown: Lakewood, CO



Q: Why did you choose to pursue a career in the legislature?

I spent over 10 years working in clinical practice as a board-certified music therapist. I was a Medicaid provider here in Colorado and got involved in my professional association's government affairs committee. I had the realization one day that though I was having a significant positive impact on the 25-50 folks I worked with in any given week, state policy made this access possible for them. There was a space to use my experience to create policy that impacted thousands of Coloradans, and that felt really important to pursue.

[Read more.](#)

CO ACEP Board Member Spotlight

Meet Dr. Joseph Brown, MD, FACEP

Recipient of the ACEP National Emergency Medicine

Junior Faculty Teaching Award

Written by Anna Engeln, MD, FACEP



Dr. Joseph Brown, originally from Chicago, IL, completed medical school at Northwestern, where he met his wife, Dr. Kelly Brown, in the second week of medical school. After medical school, they headed west to University of California-San Diego for his residency in Emergency Medicine, then to University of California-San Francisco for Ultrasound fellowship followed by the ACEP Teaching Fellowship during his first year as faculty. Following fellowship, Dr. Brown accepted his first attending position at UCSF working at San Francisco General as the airway director and teaching ultrasound. This was followed by a brief stint at Medical College of Wisconsin where he was the first Director of Faculty Education. In 2021, Dr. Brown settled in Colorado at University of Colorado Hospital.

[Read more.](#)



Head to the Mountains this Fall

EST. 2022

4th Annual
Leadership Symposium
&
EM: High Risk - Do Not Miss

Event Highlights:

- Nationally Recognized Speakers
- Leadership Development
- Politics in this Divisive Environment
- AI in the ED
- Undifferentiated Sick Neonates
- From Rural to Urban
- Hands-on Ultrasound Skills
- Reduction Techniques
- LVAD Emergencies
- and more

Date: November 6 & 7, 2025

Location: Park Hyatt Resort & Spa
Beaver Creek, Colorado

Register Today!



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**4th Annual Leadership Symposium
November 6, 2025**

Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa

Time	Title & Presenter
	Welcome
12:30–1:15pm	<i>The Post-Pandemic Emergency Physician Job Market – Disasters, Disruptions, and Dynamism</i> Dr. Leon Adelman, MD, MBA, FACEP
1:15–1:45pm	<i>Serving as a Moderate Legislator in Today’s Divisive Political Environment</i> Senator Dylan Roberts
1:45–2:30pm	<i>Winning the Payer Battle: Overcoming Denials, Down codes, and Reimbursement Challenges in Emergency Medicine</i> Dr. Jason Adler, MD, FACEP
2:30–2:40pm	Break
2:40–3:30pm	<i>Critical Connections: Leadership and Emergency Medicine</i> Dr. Andrew French, MD, FACEP
3:30–4:20pm	<i>Elevating Our Game: Cultivating Connected Transformation in Healthcare Settings</i> Dr. Patrick Kneeland, MD
4:20–5:00pm	<i>The Current and Future of Artificial Intelligence in Emergency Departments</i> Dr. Jesse Pines, MD, MBA, FACEP
5:00–6:30pm	<i>Cocktail Hour (and a half)</i>

4th Annual Emergency Medicine:

High Risk - Do Not Miss

November 7, 2025

Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa

Time	Title & Presenter
8:55am	Welcome Dr. Rebecca Kornas, MD, FACEP
9:00–9:30am	Syringes, Rocket Launchers, and Rum: Common Reduction Techniques Dr. Marianne Wallis, MD
9:30-10:00am	LVAD emergencies and approach to care in the Emergency Department Dr. Patrick Joynt, MD
10:00-10:15am	Break
10:15-10:45am	Beyond Neutropenic Fever: Complications of immune-based cancer therapies Dr. Abby Leibowitz, MD
10:45-11:15am	Post Partum Emergencies Dr. Anna Engeln, MD, FACEP
11:15-11:45am	Prehospital Whole Blood: Overcoming Barriers and Exploiting Opportunities Dr. Scott Branney, MD
11:45-12:30pm	The Rural ED Provider Approach to the Undifferentiated Sick Neonate Dr. Avery Mackenzie, MD, FACEP Dr. Ross Orpet, MD Dr. Taylor McCormick, MD
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch with Dr. A. Tony Cirillo, MD, FACEP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Understanding the Alphabet Soup of Organizations and Agencies in the Healthcare Space</i> ◆ <i>National ACEP Update</i>
1:30 – 5pm	Ultrasound Skills and Procedures and Regional Anesthesia for the Emergency Department Drs. Matthew Riscinti, MD (Lead), Tania Allison, MD, Philippe Ayres, MD, Joseph Brown, MD, Dave Bosch, DO, Dylan Foley, MD, Meghan Hurley, MD, Sarah Janik, MD, Nhu-Nguyen Le, MD, Fred Milgrim, MD, Jamie Pospishil, MD, and Daniel Zeccola, MD

Upcoming Events Calendar

CO ACEP 2025 Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule

- September 4, 12pm – 2pm Board Directors
- November 6, 11am – 1pm Board Directors

CO ACEP 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

- August 7, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee
- October 2, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee
- December 4, 12pm – 2pm – Executive Committee

Additional Important Meeting Dates

- September 5-6, ACEP's 2025 Council Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah
- September 7-10, ACEP's Scientific Assembly, Salt Lake City, Utah
- November 7, 1pm – 5pm Leadership Symposium
- November 7, 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.

FROM NATIONAL ACEP



ACEP Resources & Latest News

ACEP Names Michael Fraser, PhD, as Next Executive Director

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is pleased to announce Michael Fraser, PhD, MS, CAE as its next executive director.

[Read more.](#)

Fewer Than Half of Emergency Visits Staffed by Majority Physician-Owned Practices, New Analysis Shows

Most emergency department visits are staffed by physicians employed by health systems or private equity-owned staffing groups...[Read more.](#)

ACEP-Supported Oregon Law Bans Physician Non-Compete Agreements

With strong support from the Oregon chapter of ACEP, a new Oregon state law will safeguard physician autonomy and workforce mobility by banning non-compete agreements. [Read more.](#)

Emergency Physicians Strongly Support the No Surprises Enforcement Act

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) strongly supports the No Surprises Enforcement Act, legislation that will hold insurance

companies accountable for continued and willful violations of the federal law...

[Read more.](#)

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act and Implications for Emergency Medicine

The latest installment of ACEP's "Capitol Rounds" webinar series offers an overview of the recently-passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and its significant [implications for emergency physicians' practice and patients.](#)

[Read more.](#)

Proposed CMS Rules Include Medicare Pay Increase, ACEP-Suggested Telehealth Fixes, Boarding Measure

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing to adopt a new quality measure developed and supported by ACEP members.

[Read more.](#)

Emergency Physicians Prescribing Fewer Opioids for Low Back Pain, Study Finds

New research examining emergency department visits for low back pain found a significant decline in the use of opioids for treatment, according to a [study published in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.](#) [Read more.](#)

New York ACEP-Supported Bill Would Ease ED Violence Reporting

In a major step to improve protections for emergency physicians and care teams, a New York ACEP-supported [bill](#) would empower victims of workplace assault to give statements at their job sites. [Read more.](#)

ACEP Statement Regarding Senate Passage of Reconciliation Package

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is deeply concerned by the Senate’s passage of the “One Big Beautiful Bill” reconciliation package. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

- [Revolutionizing ED Workflows from Triage with AI*](#)

May 28, 2025

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Central Time

The future of emergency care starts at triage. Discover how integrating Artificial Intelligence can hyper-optimize your ED workflows, cutting wait times, improving accuracy, and freeing up your team for critical tasks. Join us to learn how AI is transforming the ED front door. *This event is for ACEP Members Only.* [Register.](#)

- [Disaster Medicine Ethics, Mass Casualty Care, and Critical Care](#)

Tuesday, August 19, 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 one of the most pressing educational needs in disaster medicine.

- [Oral Board Course Review](#)

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Session 1: 8:00 AM – 12:45 PM Eastern time

Session 2: 1:00 PM – 5:45 PM Eastern time

Oral Board Review Course Held Virtually by Zoom - Ohio ACEP offers a virtual course designed to prepare individuals to take the Oral

Board Exam. Our course is designed to optimize your exam performance, teach techniques for success, and enhance your case management skills!

- [Chapter Grant Program: Helping States Meet Their Health Policy Needs](#)

Thursday, August 28, 2025

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Central time

Hear from four Chapters that successfully applied for and received a State Public Policy Grant to support their Chapter's health policy efforts. Learn firsthand about their experience with the grant proposal process, the outcomes they've achieved since receiving funding, and ideas to inspire your own future grant applications. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and tips from peers who've been through it!

- [ACEP25 Scientific Assembly](#)

September 7-10, 2025

For the first time, ACEP's annual meeting will be in the beautiful city of Salt Lake City, UT. The world's largest emergency medicine educational conference brings together the global EM community.

- [ACEP Accelerate](#)

January 18-23, 2026

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. [Register Today!](#)

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