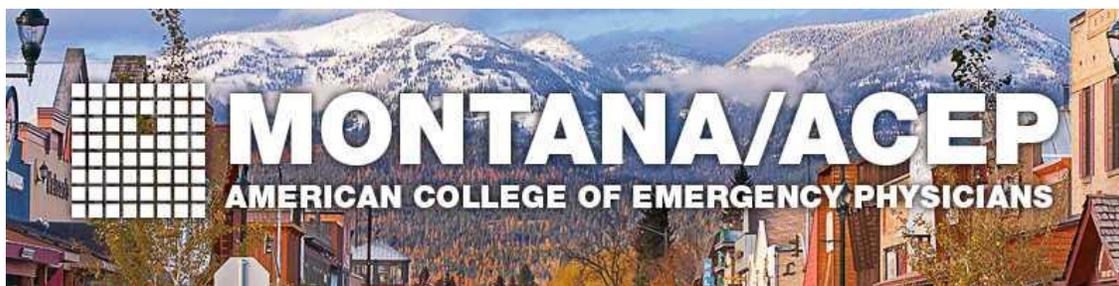


A Newsletter for the Members of the Montana ACEP Chapter



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From the President
Harry E. Sibold, MD, FACEP

ACEP17 Scientific Assembly & Council Meeting

The 2017 Scientific Assembly and Council meetings were held this October in Washington DC. This is a particularly interesting venue for our meetings as we are right in the seat of government in our nation's capital.

A few points of interest for you all:

Over 200 presentations were offered in an ever-expanding number of specialty tracks and areas of interest, from administrative topics to pediatric EM. If you have an interest in hyperbaric, tactical medicine, ultrasound or pediatrics (among so many other topics) there were talks aimed at you and your special interest.

During Council, held the weekend before the general Scientific Assembly meeting, your representatives debated and voted on many resolutions offered for consideration. Think of this as your deliberative body, through which you can express your opinions on the direction of ACEP for the future and what positions we should take as a College.

If you are interested, I can forward you a summary list of resolutions adopted. In the future, if you believe that ACEP should take a position on an issue, you can author a resolution for consideration.

For tips on how to do this, please click [here](#). Or let me know and I can walk you through the process, as I have written resolutions for the Council in the past.

One final note: if you were unable to attend and missed presentations of interest, you can still purchase "Virtual ACEP17" and review hundreds of presentations as they were offered during the conference. I have done this for years and found it an easy and economical way to stay up to date on cutting edge EM specific topics as well as get all the CME I could ever want. If you are interested, go to the ACEP Bookstore by clicking [here](#). No, I don't get a kickback!

Have questions about ACEP17 that I did not mention? [Let me know](#).

National ACEP Elections

Many of us don't realize that the yearly ACEP meeting is a critically important time for ACEP, as that is when we identify and elect our leadership for the future. Given the turbulent times for medicine, especially emergency medicine, that we have had in the past decade that will clearly continue in the coming years, having leaders who can represent us best as a college and can voice our vision and concerns is particularly important.

During ACEP17, **Dr. Paul Kivela** from, California ACEP, began his tenure as President and the College elected its next President, **Dr. John J. Rogers**. Some of you may remember Dr. Rogers as he visited Montana just a few years ago and gave a great presentation on the future of emergency medicine at MSU in Bozeman. Click [here](#) to learn more about Dr. Rogers!

Our Council Officer election resulted in **John G. McManus, Jr., MD, MBA, FACEP** affirmed as the new Speaker and **Gary R. Katz, MD, MBA, FACEP** elected as the new Vice-Speaker.

There were two new members elected to the ACEP Board, **Dr. Allison Haddock**, from the Texas ACEP chapter and a longtime member of the State Legislative-Regulatory committee, and **Dr. Aisha Liferidge** from the District of Columbia Chapter an assistant professor at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

The Board also elected new Officers for 2017-2018:

Chair of the Board - Debra G. Perina, MD, FACEP (VA ACEP)

Vice President - Vidor E. Friedman, MD, FACEP (FL ACEP)

Secretary/Treasurer - Stephen H. Anderson, MD, FACEP (WA ACEP)

Want to learn more about them? Please click [here](#).

It is both exciting and reassuring to see us recognize a diverse group of EM physicians in leadership positions within the College!

ACEP Membership in Montana

Over the past 5 years, we have continued to see the membership of the ACEP Montana Chapter grow...slowly but steadily. Why is this important? As a small chapter, we have a voice in the operation and positions of ACEP nationally. But as we grow past certain membership levels, we get greater numerical representation at national meetings and can have a larger voice in expressing the views of emergency medicine in Montana.

We are nearing that point in membership now. So, how can we grow?

If you are getting this, you are already a member of the Montana chapter. However, do you have friends or partners who are not part of Montana ACEP? Encourage them to identify Montana as their home chapter and get involved! Do you know EM docs who are not part of ACEP at all? I am glad to talk to them about the benefits of being a part of ACEP's voice within the house of medicine. Together we can shape the future in ways that none of us can as individuals.

Just want to know more about ACEP or ACEP in Montana? Drop me, Nathan or Adriana a [line](#).

Adriana's Corner

This year is just about over. The days, weeks and months just fly by. And usual chapter business must continue. I am certain 2018 will be a great year for you as emergency physicians and for the Montana chapter. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you the upcoming year. In the meantime, please contact [me](#) if I can help you in any way.

State Legislative Issues for 2018 by Harry J. Monroe, Jr. ACEP Director, Chapter and State Relations

Two years after the nearly miraculous successful retreat by the British army from Dunkirk, Prime Minister Winston Churchill remarked on the first actual British victory of the war by declaring, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

We may be at a similar point in our legislative battles over balance billing and out of network reimbursement. In many states, policymakers that have been considering the issue for multiple sessions will look to address the issue once and for all. Thus, it will be important that we stand ready to engage an issue that continues to pose a threat to our specialty and most importantly, access to care for our patients. Certainly, we want to be paid fairly, but we also want to focus on making sure that insurer practices are not causing patients to delay receiving emergency care out of uncertainty as to what the insurer will pay.

ACEP has developed, and is continuing to refine, resources to help states engaging this issue. On [our website](#) you will find numerous documents that will be of help in working on this issue, including talking points, copies of written testimony produced in a number of states, information on why Medicare is not a sound benchmark for determining reimbursement, and many other materials. I would encourage you to take a look.

Additionally, we have worked hard over the last two years to build relationships with other specialty societies and the AMA, based on shared consensus principles and solutions documents that are included on the website, that have helped us collaborate on these issues. In most states that we have engaged, the national collaboration has helped with building alliances at the state level, with the result that the house of medicine has been largely united in our response to legislation. In addition to fighting off bad legislation, we have looked for

opportunities to promote positive legislation on the issue, and model legislation has been developed to that end. In addition, to our collaboration with other specialties, another outside organization, Physicians for Fair Coverage, has been formed and has helped to provide and coordinate resources in this fight.

At the time of this writing, we are also working on developing regional teams of experts that can help provide assistance in terms of legislative interpretation, understanding financial impacts, and advocacy. These should be in place by the time 2018 sessions begin.

We believe that as many as 25 states will see significant efforts by legislatures to address balance billing and out of network legislation this year. If you are facing it in your state, reach out to me [via email](#) or at 972-550-0911, ext. 3204.

In addition to balance billing and out of network issues, there will be many other important issues to address in the coming year. The prudent layperson standard remains under attack in many places by both Medicaid and commercial payers. The opioid epidemic continues to be a critical public policy concern. Of course, what the federal government does about health care, and how that filters down to the state level, promises to require our attention. This will be a busy year at the state house!



ACEP - You make 50 look good!

As we wind down 2017, we kick off a year-long celebration of ACEP's 50th anniversary starting January 2018. Plan to participate in social media campaigns that highlight the highs, lows and life-changing moments in EM. Get hyped for a historical timeline following the history of our specialty as well as anniversary-themed podcasts. Watch for anniversary editions of ACEP Now and Medicine's Frontline in addition to proclamations from members of Congress and sister medical societies. Don't forget to order copy of our commemorative coffee table book featuring the breath-taking photographs that capture a day in the life of emergency physicians collected by famed photographer Eugene Richards. [Book tickets now to ACEP18](#) and our blow-out anniversary celebration in San Diego featuring an interactive history museum showcasing the journey of emergency medicine from battlefield to inner city to rural America to

every spot in between.

As we enter 2018, we begin the celebration of 50 years of life saving and boundary pushing. Are you on call for 50 more?

Show Your Commitment to High Standards for Clinical Ultrasound

You have the highest standards when it comes to your clinical ultrasound program. Show that commitment to your patients, your hospital, and your payers with ACEP's Clinical Ultrasound Accreditation Program (CUAP). ACEP's [CUAP](#) is the only accreditation program specifically for the bedside, clinician-performed and interpreted ultrasound. Now also available - accreditation for non-ED clinical settings, including freestanding EDs, urgent care centers and clinics. [Apply Today!](#)

- Ensure safety and efficacy of patient care
- Meet ACEP's high standards for point-of-care delivery
- Use your own policies or draw from expert-reviewed sample documents

Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation Program

ACEP is gearing up to accredit geriatric emergency departments. The [Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation Program](#) will be accepting applications after the first of the year. There will be 3 levels of accreditation ranging from a minimal commitment to better elder care to a comprehensive well-rounded robust program. Accreditation shows your patients, your institution and your payers that your ED is ready to provide care to seniors and is a quality program that meets the high standards of the American College of Emergency Physicians. [Find out more.](#)

Articles of Interest in *Annals of Emergency Medicine* by Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP ACEP Associate Executive Director, Practice, Policy and Academic Affairs

ACEP would like to provide you with very brief synopses of the latest articles in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. Some of these have not appeared in print. These synopses are not

meant to be thorough analyses of the articles, simply brief introductions. Before incorporating into your practice, you should read the entire articles and interpret them for your specific patient population. [Read More](#)

Policy Statements and PREPs Approved by the ACEP Board

The following policy statements and PREPs were approved by the ACEP Board of Directors at their October 2017 meeting.

Policy Statements

[Medical Transport Advertising, Marketing, and Brokering](#) - revised

[Clinical Emergency Data Registry Quality Measures](#) - new

[Mechanical Ventilation](#) - new

[Hospital Disaster Physician Privileging](#) - revised

[Unsolicited Medical Personnel Volunteering at Disaster Scenes](#) - revised

[Sub-dissociative Dose Ketamine for Analgesia](#) - new

Writing Admission and Transition Orders - revised

[The Clinical Practice of Emergency Medical Services Medicine](#) - new

[The Role of the Physician Medical Director in EMS Leadership](#) - new

[State Medical Board Peer Review](#) - new

Pediatric Medication Safety in the Emergency Department - new

[Distracted and Impaired Driving](#) - revised

PREPs

Sub-dissociative Dose Ketamine - new

Writing Admission and Transition Orders - new

Welcome New Member!

Mrs. Amy Skeel - Missoula (Medical Student)

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