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**From the President**  
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Hello New Mexico ACEP members,

As I promised in the last issue, we used teleconference technology at the quarterly meeting on June 29th. About 20 members attended the session in person, and two joined the meeting remotely. Because our state is so geographically large and we often work evening or night shifts, it can be difficult for us to participate in state-wide meetings. We will continue working toward making our regular meetings accessible.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held on September 26th. Similar to last year, we will join the annual meeting of the New Mexico Hospital Association (NMHA) at Embassy Suites, Albuquerque. We will have our own track at the meeting with topics focused on emergency medicine. There will also be great speakers at the general sessions, and you will be able to participate in those sessions too. [READ MORE.](#)

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**My First Month of PGY2**  
**Ralph Bauer, MD**  
**PGY-2, Department of Emergency Medicine**  
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EMS rolls the patient to a bed. It's apparent she needs to stay in the resuscitation area: diaphoretic, tachypneic, tachycardic, hypoxic on a non-rebreather, a borderline blood pressure, and a history of severe COPD. The patient is transferred to a bed as the nurse, respiratory therapist, and techs swarm. They connect beeping monitors, establish IV access, and affix oxygen devices. All eyes turn to me: "What do you want to do?"

An all too common question but asked with even more urgency and impatience since starting PGY2. Lately even taking a second to think feels too long. The attending is occupied. I'm in charge. A slight pang of anxiety shoots through me. I know what to do, but my recent escalation of responsibility has left me more cautious and unsure. I take a breath and rattle off orders: nebs, BiPAP, fluids, antibiotics, steroids, labs, imaging, EKG. The staff seem to approve. I run through my plan for potential intubation and retreat to my computer for a chart biopsy. My eyes never leave the vitals on the monitor. The numbers slowly improve. I'm relieved the situation has passed without harm done to the patient or my standing in the ED hierarchy. As a new senior resident, I constantly feel the pressure of proving my worth to the attendings and ED staff. Earning their trust is essential and standards are understandably high. [READ MORE.](#)

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## **Finally! An X-Waiver Course Designed for EM Docs, by EM Docs! High Quality, High Value Course Coming to a Hospital Near You!**

Last fall, National ACEP commissioned a group of national EM experts in treatment of opioid addiction in collaboration with the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) to develop an X-waiver course specifically for EM docs. The course is much more case based than the traditional course, and the learning modules have been completely revised to target the needs of EM docs, with an emphasis on pain management, acute withdrawal management, and ED buprenorphine initiation. This project was co-chaired by our own Eric Ketcham, MD, MBA, FACEP, FASAM, FACHE and Kate Hawk, MD, MS, FACEP of Yale University.

The course will be taught at ACEP20 in Denver, AAEM SA 2020 in Phoenix, at state and regional ACEP and other EM conferences, and at hospitals around the USA.

**In New Mexico, we will begin by running new EM focused X-waiver course at Presbyterian hospitals in August, and by December at UNM facilities as well.** [Click here](#) for a list of courses offered by Presbyterian through December and to review the funding and credit statements.

Please email [Sabina Lord, MHA](#) if you have any questions, or if you would like to sign up.

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## ORN Community Training- Albuquerque

**October 7-8, 2019** | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Embassy Suites Hotel

1000 Woodward Pl. NE

Albuquerque, NM 87102

[Register](#) by September 30, 2019.

The Opioid Response Network Training is a FREE two-day, in-person meeting designed for organizations or individuals who want to learn more about evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery for opioid use disorder (OUD). The Opioid Response Network is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to help build the capacity of communities to address the opioid epidemic. For this event, the ORN will provide training that meets the needs of the substance use disorder community. [More information](#).

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### Welcome New Members!

Theodore Albright, MD

Erik H Anderson, MD

Yalda Barlas

Samuel Slater Carley, MD

Sarah Cherian, MD

Ashley Davis, DO

Adinda Demske, MD

Jerad Dane Eldred

Jessica Evans-Wall, MD

Benjamin Gluck, MD

Allison Brooke Gordon, MD

Jacob Jensen, MD

Brian W Kulick, MD

Cassie Lowry Edmark, DO

Michael Patrick McEnany, MD

John Conroy McGee, MD

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Brandon Quinn, MD

Amber D Rollstin, MD

Wendy J Stout, MD, FACEP

Lauren Elizabeth Thorp, MD

Gregory Wallis

Michael Wassermann, MD

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## FROM NATIONAL ACEP



### **Congress Needs to Hear from Emergency Physicians about Surprise Billing**

The ACEP DC office hosted an ACEP members only Surprise Billing Advocacy townhall on August 5th. Laura Wooster, Associate Executive Director, ACEP Public Affairs, provided an update on Congressional activity and spoke about the importance of utilizing the August congressional recess while legislators are back home to advocate for emergency physicians and patients. ACEP offered tips to effectively engage your legislators and a toolkit with resources to facilitate effective outreach. A link to the archived townhall is available [here](#). And, you can [login here](#) to access the ACEP members-only surprise billing advocacy toolkit. Related resources are available to view and share [here](#). For updates on ACEP's federal advocacy activities, join the ACEP 911 Grassroots Network [here](#).

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### **Explaining the AUC Exemption**

We've heard that some of your hospitals are already implementing the 2020 AUC requirements, so we drafted a sample letter you can personalize to help you explain the emergency exemption to your administrators. Download it on the [AUC section of our EHR advocacy page](#).

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### **FACEP Deadline Extended to Sept. 1**

More than 4,000 ACEP members meet minimum membership requirements – three years of continuous membership post-training – to become a Fellow of the College. Is that you? Apply today, and be recognized at a ceremony on Oct. 26, the day before ACEP19 in Denver. If you can't make it to ACEP19, no worries. You will be included in the program and can start using your new FACEP credential immediately. [Learn More Here!](#)

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### **Point-of-Care Tools - 3 New Smart Phrases**

3 new Smart Phrases are available on the ACEP Website on **Suicide Prevention, Tobacco Cessation** and **Why Antibiotics Were Not Prescribed for a Viral Infection**. Smart Phrases are blocks of text that can be copied and pasted into a hospital's electronic health record (EHR) system to automatically create discharge papers for common ED presentations. We've created these smart phrases to help you seamlessly disseminate the most important information your patients will need to manage their conditions after leaving the ED. [View all Smart Phrases](#).

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### **Articles of Interest in *Annals of Emergency Medicine* - Summer 2019**

**Sam Shahid, MBBS, MPH**

**Practice Management Manager, ACEP**

ACEP would like to provide you with very brief synopses of the latest articles and articles coming soon to *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. [View synopses here](#).

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### **New Policy Statements and Information Papers**

During their June 2019 meeting, the ACEP Board of Directors approved the following new policy statements and Information papers. For a full list of the College's current policy statements, consult the [ACEP Policy Compendium](#).

#### **New Policy Statements:**

[Advanced Practice Provider Point-of-Care Ultrasound Guidelines](#)

[Compensated Time for Faculty Academic Administration and Teaching Involvement](#)

[Medical Cannabis](#)

[Safe Discharge from the Emergency Department](#)

[Separation of Children from Caregivers](#)

[The Role of Emergency Physicians in the Completion of Death Certificates](#)

#### **New Information Papers:**

[Best Practices in Testing Adults and Adolescents for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea in the Emergency Department](#)

[Models for Addressing Transitions of Care for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder](#)

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October 27-30  
[acep.org/acep19](http://acep.org/acep19)

## Care Under Fire: EDs, Gun Violence and Threat Assessment

ACEP19 Pre-Conference

Saturday October 26th from 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Threat management is an evidence-based, multidisciplinary team approach to identifying people at risk of engaging in targeted violence – including mass shootings – and intervening before they attack. Cost: \$250. [Learn More Here!](#)

Approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

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## ACEP EM Specific X-Waiver COURSE

ACEP19 Pre-Conference

Saturday October 26th from 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

This course will provide the tools to turn lives around with best practice addiction treatments and satisfies 8 hours of training required by federal law to prescribe buprenorphine, the most effective treatment for opioid use disorder.

While most “X Waiver” training courses are developed for and led by psychiatrists and office-based addiction specialists, **this recently approved version of the course was written by a team of EM docs, specifically for EM Docs.** The MAT-EM course minimizes lecture in favor of case-based discussion and participants will emerge from the course not only credentialed to register for their DATA 2000 (X) waiver but prepared to manage all aspects of emergency care of OUD patients.

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ACEP Members: \$70 | Residents: \$50 | Non-Members: \$100. [Register Here.](#)

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## FACULTY



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Emergency Medicine Basic Research Skills

December 2-7, 2019 | April 14-16, 2020

### Registration Open for the EMBRS Course

Interested in research but not sure where to start? The Emergency Medicine Basic Research Skills (EMBRS) is a 9-day, 2-session program where participants learn how to identify clinical research opportunities and become familiar with clinical research and outcomes. Participants are also eligible to receive an EMF/EMBRS grant based on their research grant application. This course targets: Junior faculty with limited research experience; Physicians in academic and community centers who are interested in research basics; Physicians who have as part of their duties involvement in research, including mentoring young researchers; Fellows in non-research fellowships. [Click here to learn more](#) and to register. The next course will take place Dec. 2-7th, 2019 (session 1) and April 14-16, 2020 (session 2).

News from the American Board of Emergency Medicine

August 2010

### **ABEM Security Systems Enhancements**

ABEM takes the protection of all our users' data and information seriously. We will soon be undertaking system enhancements to help maintain the security of your data. The change most users will notice is **the need to reset their password** the first time they sign in.

### **See You at ACEP19!**

ABEM will be attending ACEP19, and will have a booth in the exhibit hall. Visit booth # 2012 and have an ABEM director or staff member answer your questions. Hope to see you there!



## **American Board of Emergency Medicine**

### **Nominations to the Board of Directors**

Do you know someone who would be a great addition to the ABEM Board of Directors? Then nominate the ABEM-certified physician of your choice! The physician must be clinically active. [Click here](#) to view nominee requirements and required documentation. Nominations are due December 1, 2019, and the Board will elect two new members at its February 2020 meeting.

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