

Help PaACEP Make Scientific Assembly Better

Have you attended a Scientific Assembly in the past five years? What is your favorite reason why you attend the Scientific Assembly? Why have you not attended?

These are just a few of the questions in a new PaACEP survey designed to gather member opinions on the Chapter's oldest and most recognized continuing education program – PaACEP's Annual Scientific Assembly. The Chapter's Education Committee recently developed a task force to review the Scientific Assembly and recommend ways to improve it. The task force is asking for feedback from the membership.

Please let us know what you think about the Scientific Assembly – the good points and bad. How can this important chapter CME program better meet your needs? Tell us what you think by clicking on the link <http://www.paacep.org/saquest.asp>

Reminders from the Medical Licensing Bureaus

Medical doctors must renew their medical license by December 31, 2006, and Osteopathic physicians must renew by October 31 of every even-numbered year in order to retain the right to engage in the practice of medicine.

- Keep the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) up to date with your current mailing address. If your license renewal notice is mailed to you this fall and the address is incorrect, it cannot be forwarded. Make sure you file a change of address form with the BPOA if you have moved during the past year-and-a-half. To obtain the form, visit www.mylicense.state.pa.us.
- Your continuing medical education (CME) credits from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2006, should total at least 100 if you want your license renewal approved. At least 12 of those credits should involve patient safety topics. A random number of physicians are audited after license renewal, so keep accurate CME records.
- Regulations require that you notify your medical board *within 60 days* if you are named in a professional liability complaint or claim. For more information on this topic, click on this link: http://www.dos.state.pa.us/dos/lib/dos/mcare_website.pdf

Chapter Seeks Media's Aid In Advocacy Efforts

In recent months, PaACEP used the power of the media to get its messages out about motorcycle helmets and the need to address such critical issues as emergency department crowding.

The Chapter was busy throughout June responding to media calls about the value of wearing motorcycle helmets. Following Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's nationally publicized motorcycle accident on June 12, PaACEP president Alex Rosenau, DO, FACEP, and several other chapter representatives were interviewed by numerous media. Dr. Rosenau also sent an editorial piece to newspapers statewide that emphasized the importance of helmet use and mandatory motorcycle helmet laws.

On June 28, PaACEP's president was interviewed extensively again after attending a Legislative Finance and Budget Committee meeting where the committee released the results of its three-year study on the impact of repealing Pennsylvania's motorcycle helmet law. Dr. Rosenau talked to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *York Dispatch*, *Harrisburg Patriot-News*, *KDKA*, *WAEB* and *Radio Pennsylvania*. The Chapter also issued a news release advocating for reinstating Pennsylvania's helmet law.

On June 14, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) released its groundbreaking report, *The Future of Emergency Care in the United States Health System* told the grim story of an emergency medical system that is overcrowded and underfunded. The Chapter immediately responded by issuing a statewide news release and editorial under Dr. Rosenau's signature. These pieces commented on the report's findings, how they related to Pennsylvania's emergency care system, and steps that should be taken to address the problems outlined.

Names in the News

August 31, 2006

**ACEP Scientific Assembly
October 15-18, 2006
New Orleans**

More Than Ever, Come Together!
Registration Discount ends September 15
Register Now: www.acep.org/sa

PaACEP Residents' Day

**September 21, 2006
Temple University, Philadelphia**
4th Floor Auditorium –
Student /Faculty building
3400 North Broad Street,
Southwest Corner of Broad & Ontario
Parking: in the Ontario Street Garage

**Emergency Medicine Written
Board Review Course**

**September 7-10,
Hilton Philadelphia Airport Hotel**
Developed by practicing board certified
physicians, this course provides "what you
need to know" to pass the board exam in just
three days.

**EM Practice Enhancement,
Reimbursement, and Coding
Symposium**

**November 8,
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrisburg**
The chapter's annual meeting is designed to
keep physicians and billing professionals up-
to-date on the continually changing federal,
state and insurer regulations and billing
requirements.

Trauma 2006

**December 1,
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital,
Philadelphia**

The one-day program provides one-half of the
required Pennsylvania Trauma System
Foundation trauma-related Category I CME
credits. (Two out of the eight hours includes
pediatric trauma.)

**12th Annual National
ED Information Systems
Symposium**

**December 10-13,
Hilton at Walt Disney World,**

PaACEP congratulates **Paul Paris, MD, FACEP**, who received the Emergency Medical Services Institute's (EMSI) Practitioner of the Year Award. The award is given to someone who consistently demonstrates a commitment to the promotion of EMS activities and education in the region. Dr. Paris is chairman of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine's Department of Emergency Medicine and serves as EMSI's medical director.

The Chapter also proudly endorsed PaACEP President **Alex Rosenau, DO, FACEP**, for election to the ACEP board of directors. The elections take place this October during the ACEP Council meeting in New Orleans.

PaACEP Past President and ACEP Federal Government Affairs Committee Chair Marilyn Heine, MD, testified in Washington D.C. at a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on reimbursement issues surrounding the physician fee schedule.

Orlando, Florida

The "premier" ED informatics course in the country offers the information system purchaser a chance to research and window-shop the various options before purchasing and implementing a hospital information system.

Course and registration information can be obtained by calling 888-633-5784, extension 1470 or by accessing the web at www.paacep.org.

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