



Welcome to FastTrack – The New E-Newsletter

In an effort to deliver news in a more timely fashion, welcome to the first edition of *FastTrack*, the chapter's new e-newsletter.

"Our world continues to be bombarded by advancements in technology which surrounds us in all aspects of our lives... news, medicine, politics. We rely on computers and the Internet to perform many of our daily activities. In keeping with this trend and to support the needs of our younger, newer physicians we must ride the wave," comments L. Albert Villarín, Jr., MD FACEP, who chairs PaACEP's Communications Committee.

The e-newsletter will alternate every other month with the current printed PaACEP News. Dr. Villarín said the Chapter decided to alternate printed and e-mail versions of its popular newsletter to improve efficiency and defray costs. "Electronic publication and distribution is rapid, efficient, and highly condensed for easy reading. Publication costs are minimized," Dr. Villarín explains. "It's part of the Communications Committee's continuing commitment to technology for our members."

Annual Scientific Assembly: April 25-28 - Pittsburgh

The chapter's premier educational meeting will be held April 25-28 at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Assembly highlights:

Pre-conference workshops – On Thursday evening, April 25, the Chapter will sponsor a "Difficult Airway Management Lab," Led by Richard M. Levitan, MD, FACEP. Attendees can also sign up for the ever-popular "Poison Symposium," which is again coordinated by one of Pennsylvania's most well-known toxicologists, J. Ward Donovan, MD, FACEP.

Life-Long Learning Self-Assessment Articles Review (LLSA) – On April 27, the Chapter is providing review sessions for ABEM diplomats who are behind on taking their LLSA examinations to prepare them for both the 2004 and 2005 exams. This year participants will have the opportunity to take the exams while the articles are reviewed as a group.

Procedure labs – The 2006 meeting includes multiple, hands-on procedure labs, including advance uses of ultrasound, difficult airway management, and a dental and facial anesthesia lab.

Sign up early for discounts

The member tuition is \$250. First-year graduated residents, current residents and medical students attend free. There is a separate fee for the workshops. To review the program or to register, visit the Chapter's secure website, www.paacep.org.

The Sheraton Station Square room rate is \$139 per night for a single and \$149 for a double, plus tax. The **reservation deadline is March 28th**. After that, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis only. To reserve your room, contact the hotel directly at 412-261-2000. Remember to mention PaACEP when calling to be eligible for the reduced rate.

If you have questions, please call Meeting Manager, Lauren Brinjac at the PaACEP office, 888-633-5784, extension 1484 or send her an email at lbrinjac@pamedsoc.org

Annual Membership Meeting: April 27 - Pittsburgh

ACEP President Frederick Blum, MD, FACEP, will talk about "Career Longevity in Emergency Medicine" at the Chapter's Annual Membership Meeting, scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel in Pittsburgh.

"Emergency medicine is fundamentally different from other medical specialties. There's not an established doctor-patient relationship, our workload is never predictable, and we work different shifts at different times of the day and night. These factors affect our ability to cope with both our professional and personal lives," comments PaACEP President Douglas McGee, DO, FACEP. "Dr. Blum is an engaging speaker who asserts that an emergency physician's well being is fundamentally important to career satisfaction and longevity."

The Membership Meeting is held annually as part of PaACEP's Scientific Assembly. The agenda for this two-hour meeting covers general Chapter business, board of directors' election results, annual Chapter awards, the year in review, and an open forum for discussion of issues and concerns. Note: A \$25 deposit will be refunded for those who attend the meeting. To register: www.paacep.org or contact Lauren Brinjac at the Chapter office, 888-633-5784, extension 1484.

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Members, Residents Urged to Serve on ACEP Committees

Do you want to work with colleagues from across the country, use your expertise to benefit emergency medicine and feel good about giving back to your profession? Volunteer to serve on an ACEP committee.

The College is currently accepting applications from members and residents interested in being appointed to a committee for the 2006-07 terms. ACEP offers many ways to get involved and matches your interests and qualifications with the College's needs. Committee work is accomplished primarily through email, correspondence and conference calls, but committee members are asked to attend organizational meetings held at the 2006 Scientific Assembly, October 15-18, in New Orleans.

The Chapter encourages Pennsylvania members to become involved at the national level. Committee participation is a good start. PaACEP members interested in serving on an ACEP committee must submit a committee interest form to the College by May 15. Call David Blunk at the Chapter office, 888-633-5784, if you want a letter of support.

To apply online, visit ACEP's website, www.acep.org, or call Rochelle Ross at 800-798-1822, extension 3145, for more information.

Feedback

At year's end, member feedback will determine whether an eNews platform will be continued or whether PaACEP News will revert back to eleven printed publications. Your feedback is welcome. Post your comments at www.paacep.org/enews