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Ready for Change

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Spring is near. It is time for fresh, new beginnings. Nationally, we have a new Congress, interested in liability reform and charged with deciding how to best enact the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

of 2010 (i.e. the Healthcare Reform bill). Within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we also have a new General Assembly, and a new Republican governor, who lists liability reform as one of his top goals. The time is ripe for emergency physicians to provide education and insight to our state and federal leaders, so that intelligent decisions may be made, with respect to issues related to healthcare, physicians and other medical providers, and of course, our patients. Fortunately, more than a few PaACEP members are already working with ACEP and Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) leadership to educate legislators and advocate for positive change. Below are just a few examples of PaACEP leaders' advocacy efforts.

Alex Rosenau, DO, FACEP, is not only on the ACEP Board of Directors, he's also the Secretary-Treasurer of ACEP. He recently spoke on behalf of ACEP, briefing the Republican freshman members of Congress on emergency preparedness

and trauma issues. He also met with congressional movers and shakers to brief them on ACEP's legislative priorities in the 112th Congress. They included: Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA), a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the sponsor of EMTALA-related medical liability coverage in the 111th Congress; Rep. Mike Rogers (R-MI), a member of the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee; the Legislative Director for House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Chairman Joe Pitts (R-PA); and the Chief of Staff for House Ways and Means member Jim Gerlach (R-PA).

Closer to home, Marilyn Heine, MD, FACP, FACEP, Bruce MacLeod, MD, FACEP, and Ted Christopher, MD, FACEP, have forged strong relationships with PAMED. Marilyn, in fact, is currently PAMED's President-Elect. While they are all involved in many initiatives, several are front-and-center for us in emergency medicine. PAMED, resulting from a resolution initiated by PaACEP, is pursuing legislation to raise the burden of proof in medical liability cases from a mere preponderance of evidence to clear and convincing evidence of gross negligence for EMS, emergency and EMTALA-related care. PAMED and PaACEP are also working with legislators to help advance legislation to strengthen graduated drivers license law for teens and limit distractions for drivers. Under Marilyn's leadership and based again upon a resolution proposed by PaACEP, PAMED created a task force on

Hospital Crowding and ED Boarding. The charge of the task force is to help educate non-emergency medicine physicians about the ill-effects of boarding and crowding on their patients. It will also help engender support from the medical community to encourage hospitals to seriously address, and hopefully improve, crowding and ED boarding. I'm serving as co-chair of the task force.

This year, I was appointed a two-year term on the ACEP Council Steering Committee. My work on that committee has just begun, but it involves dealing with Council issues when Council is not in

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2011 PaACEP Scientific Assembly

The 38th Annual PaACEP Scientific Assembly is April 10-13, 2011, at the Hilton Harrisburg Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. Respected speakers in emergency medicine join chapter members at PaACEP's premier educational meeting and discussions will include clinical and administrative topics that impact emergency physicians on a daily basis. "This meeting is the oldest CME program our chapter offers and has a proven history of success," said Noelle Rotondo, DO, FACEP, who chairs the committee planning the Scientific Assembly. "Whether you are an academic, resident, community-based hospital or trauma center emergency physician, the 2011 meeting has a topic developed for you."

Set only three blocks from the State Capitol, the 2011 meeting also includes a morning devoted to legislative matters. PaACEP has set some challenging goals for their legislative agenda this year. The chapter plans to pursue raising the standard



Featured Speakers

This year we are showcasing national and local experts in emergency medicine. ACEP president Sandra Schneider, MD, FACEP, will be among the guest lecturers as well as national speakers Judd Hollander, MD, FACEP, David Newman, MD, FACEP, Bryan Kane, MD, FACEP, and Ben Abella, MD, FACEP.

of evidence in medical malpractice cases from "preponderance of evidence" to "clear and convincing evidence", and also secure a bill that adequately addresses teen distracted driving. It is critical that there are as many emergency physicians as possible at the Capitol, meeting with their legislators and discussing these and other important health care issues. Daniel Wehner, MD, MBA,

FACEP, PaACEP President, succinctly states, "We are the right people at the right time for the right job of advising our political leaders how to best design the healthcare system to allow all patients to have appropriate access to care, streamlining processes and limiting waste." This is your chance to begin to make a difference!



Courses include:

- Procedures Lab (limited registration)
- Rapid Review of ED Literature
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- New ABEM Requirements
- Capnography: Catch the Wave
- Eye Emergencies
- Everyday use of Ultrasound
- Ortho Emergencies
- Domestic Violence
- Tactical EMS Medicine and much more!

Workshops and Clinical Courses

The 2011 meeting features outstanding faculty who are ready and willing to share their expertise. The clinical courses offer the opportunity to sharpen skills and learn what new technologies are successfully utilized in ED departments across Pennsylvania.

For residents, a separate education track will also be running concurrently with the legislative visits on Tuesday, April 12. All course and schedule information is available at www.paacep.org.

"These topics not only contribute to your skill set, but also grant up to 29 ACEP AMA PRA Category 1™ CME credits," Dr. Rotondo added. "There is no better way to earn CME and at the same time interact with chapter leaders and network with colleagues."

Featured Workshops

This year's meeting features *Critical Communication Skills for Emergency Physicians* presented by PaACEP's own media guru Richard O'Brien, MD, FACEP. In addition, the always popular airway management and ultrasound workshops will be held on Sunday evening, April 10, and provide effective hands-on training. A procedures lab is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, and allows participants to practice how to manage the difficult airway, vaginal delivery, how to manage shoulder dystocia during delivery, lumbar punctures and more.

Back by demand are the *Life-Long Learning Self-Assessment Articles (LLSA) Review Session* and the Poison Symposium. The LLSA Review session, a free member benefit, includes a review and critique of all 2009 and 2010 articles and will be held on Monday afternoon. The Pinnacle Health Toxicology Center will be presenting the 2011 Poison Symposium on Monday evening.

Special Events

The Welcome Reception will be held Monday at 5:00 pm. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served as attendees mingle and network with exhibitors. This is a great chance to relax and unwind with colleagues. On Tuesday, residents can participate in the William H. Spivey, MD, FACEP, Research Abstract Competition and the Richard Wuerz, MD, FACEP, CPC Competition. The Spivey competition is open to emergency physicians, residents, fellows, and medical students and displays abstracts pertinent to emergency medicine. The CPC Competition showcases residency programs at the state level by featuring case review of unusual presentations of diseases or rare diagnoses. PaACEP members are also invited to attend the Annual Business Meeting and dinner on Tuesday, April 12. During this meeting winners of the CPC and Spivey Competitions will be announced as well as the Physician of the Year award. After the Annual Business Meeting, young physicians are encouraged to attend the Young Physicians Reception.

Dr. Rotondo concludes, "The Scientific Assembly is a good time. We have designed

a program that will be informative to individuals involved in all aspects of emergency medicine. There is an excellent mix of physicians – from academic medicine and community practice to those who are politically minded. You won't want to miss this opportunity to interact with diverse people from across the state and also learn the newest information about emergency medicine."

Logistics

Tuition for the 2011 Scientific Assembly is \$280 for members. To register, visit the chapter's secure website at www.paacep.org.

PaACEP has negotiated a rate at the Harrisburg Hilton & Towers of \$129/night plus tax standard single/double for Scientific Assembly attendees. There are several other groups staying at the Hilton during the time of the PaACEP Scientific Assembly and the hotel expects to sell out quickly. Rooms in the PaACEP block were only guaranteed at the discounted rate until March 14. However, the Hilton will continue to honor the PaACEP rate as long as rooms are available. To check availability and reserve your room, contact the hotel at 1-800-HILTONS and request the PaACEP block to receive the discounted rate. Make your reservation early!

If you have any further questions, please call the PaACEP office at (877) ER-DOC-PA (373-6272) and ask for MaryTherese Gallagher, Meeting Manager.

PaACEP Annual Meeting

The 2011 PaACEP Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for a **NEW TIME**, and will be held during dinner on Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 pm. This later slot encourages a more relaxed atmosphere and more opportunity to interact with chapter leaders and peers. The Annual Membership meeting provides members with updates on what PaACEP has accomplished over the past year and goals for the upcoming year. Also covered are the board election results, financial reports, and member recognition awards. This meeting keeps members informed and provides attendees the opportunity to discuss particular needs and concerns with the officers, board of directors and other members.

ED Directors' Forum

A special session will be held Monday, April 11 at 6:30 pm for ED Directors, associate directors, quality coordinators, or anyone interested in ED department management. This unique session provides the opportunity to hear updates on the issues that impact emergency department directors across the state. Chapter leaders and invited guests discuss pertinent topics, including clinical and ED management as well as legislative and regulatory updates. The Forum is the chance to communicate face-to-face. This session is free of charge but does require pre-registration. If you are an ED Director you need to be there so please register today!

ED Directors Listserve

The ED Directors Listserve was established in 2009 as a way for ED Directors across the state to communicate electronically.

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NEW for 2011

Oral Board Review Course

PaACEP will be offering an Oral Board Review Course during the meeting on Wednesday, April 13, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Attendees of this half-day course will experience everything the full-day attendees do, 6 single and 2 triple cases, in half the time. While the larger, full-day courses have to allow for some down-time, this smaller course will have cases back-to-back while still including the faculty feed-back that makes this course so popular.

This year's course has already sold out, but we will continue to offer it at future Scientific Assembly Meetings. Be on the lookout for more information in 2012.

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PaACEP Spring Oral Board Review Course has Arrived

Emergency physicians who have passed part one of the ABEM or AOBEM board exams and are preparing to take part two need to be a part of this course. You'll walk away confident and knowing what to expect from the Oral Certification Examination as the course features actual simulation of the boards in one-on-one sessions. Past participants have more than a 95% pass rate, so let this be the year for you! The Oral Board Review will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 4-5, with a one or two day option available, at Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. For more information, please visit www.paacep.org or call Judy Smith, Meeting Manager, at (717) 909-2696. ■

Not taking the Oral Boards in the Spring?

Dates and locations for the Fall courses have been set:

August 29-30, 2011 – New Orleans, LA

September 19-20, 2011 – Philadelphia, PA

Registration for both courses will be available in April 2011

A special thank-you to PaACEP's 2010 Oral Board Review Examiners!

Each year our dedicated oral board faculty volunteer their time, with no honorarium, to prepare over 130 students for the oral certification examination. The chapter thanks these dedicated oral board examiners who make the PaACEP course one of the best exam prep courses in the country, and who give back to the specialty by helping their colleagues in the final step toward becoming a board certified emergency physician.

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Update from the ACEP Board of Directors

*Alex Rosenau, DO,
Former PaACEP President,
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“Member Value” continues to be a high priority focus for ACEP. Our challenges are many and affect our members both at the big picture level and in our everyday practice.

For example, our members look to the strength of our organization to work towards:

- Repeal of the SGR flawed reimbursement formula to assure predictable income and abolish the many revenue cycle interruptions that CMS has caused to our business
- Scope of practice issues like sedation privileges in the ED, so that we can provide adequate pain relief and procedural sedation for our patients

- Changing negligence criteria from preponderance of evidence to clear and convincing evidence so that we may practice with confidence, doing what’s best for our patients without fear of frivolous lawsuits. Additionally, this would help our EM physician

retention and recruitment effort in Pennsylvania

These and other issues are critically important to the stability of our practice, the safety and comfort of our patients and the fair treatment of emergency medicine physicians.

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Alex M. Rosenau, DO, CPE,
FACEP

Congratulations Dr. Rosenau!

Alex M. Rosenau, DO, CPE, FACEP, former PaACEP President, was elected Secretary-Treasurer to the ACEP Board of Directors. PaACEP is proud to have such an outstanding leader as a member and active participant within the chapter. Congratulations Dr. Rosenau!

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On February 8, 2011, I joined eight other medical association leaders, including the president elect of the AOA and a number of specialty society leaders, in Rep Pete Session's freshman orientation for health policy in DC. After our presentations, we met with quite a few representatives at a congressional reception, including Rep Dr. Joe Heck, an emergency physician and newly elected Congressman who received major support from NEMPAC. The following day I met with many Congressmen and staffers, including Rep Charlie Dent, Rep Mike Rogers and the health leg assistants of Jim Gerlach and Joe Pitts to present our EM agenda.

We have some deep structural dangers to our system: lack of adequate stable funding (SGR, fair payment from third party payors), lack of surge capacity (crowding, boarding), lack of liability reform, constraints on our scope of practice, stagnant growth in residency slots (workforce issues), and the unforeseen consequences of the "affordable health care act." This list is by no means exhaustive. So what do we do?

We get our foot in the door, we tell our stories, educate the congressional staffs, and advocate with facts. Data helps. We can share facts like 125 million annual visits for 3% of the national health budget, the growth in the number of EM physicians in Texas or the 7% increase in ED visits in Massachusetts, and lessons such as "coverage does not equal access." The ACEP Board and your expert staff in DC and Dallas are using the power of your burgeoning PAC, NEMPAC, to gain access and move our agenda forward. In the end though, much of our success depends on being at the table when regulations are written.

The new CMS interpretive guidelines for anesthesia services are just such a case.

"The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has revised its interpretive guidelines for anesthesia services. Hospitals are to use these guidelines in developing their individual credentialing policies. These guidelines and their FAQs note that "...emergency medicine-trained physicians have very specific skill sets to manage airways and ventilation that is necessary to provide patient rescue. Therefore, these

practitioners are uniquely qualified to provide all levels of analgesia/sedation and anesthesia (moderate to deep to general)."

This change in CMS' guidelines is the result of vigorous efforts by ACEP leadership and staff working with others to achieve this result. This is a huge change in CMS direction and sets the stage for further progress at the hospital credentialing level. It is this recognition of the power of the regulations in our lives that has led to the formation of EMAF, the Emergency Medicine Action Fund, just last month to augment our legislative action with regulatory work. The contributions for EMAF will come from group practices (our first contribution was \$100k from a California group practice), will be tax deductible and will bring consultant and employee augmentation to our DC troops. We hope EMAF will augment NEMPAC to give us a one-two punch in this fight.

PaACEP, through our PaACEP BOD and staff, is working with the PA Medical Society to add an amendment to a new bill seeking liability relief by moving proof of malpractice from "a preponderance of the evidence" to clear and convincing evidence," similar to the Texas standards. Courageous, at the frontline, in synch with your needs, that is how I see PaACEP. Chapters and national need your involvement, so I hope this short missive helps to stimulate your interest. Yes we advocate, yes we work hard, and now we are seeing positive outcomes.

The one other thing I'd like to emphasize is that we never leave DC without emphasizing the difference between Us (EM docs) and all others. Our availability, the unfunded EMTALA mandate, our expertise, our key knowledge base as systems leaders, planners, thinkers, and team leaders are very positive aspects of our care for our fellow Americans.

I'm looking forward to continuing our work together so that the next generation of emergency physicians can continue my favorite line on EM residency orientation day, "You have chosen wisely." And from there the conversation continues. ■

ACEP 2011 Leadership and Advocacy Conference

The 2011 ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference will be held May 22-25, 2011, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. This meeting is open to all who are interested in legislative and advocacy issues. Participants experience interactive sessions on leadership, advocacy, media training, health information technology, and more. They also get the opportunity to meet one-on-one with their elected representatives and virtually of ACEP leadership. Be on the lookout at www.acep.org for more information and plan to attend this important conference!

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Meet Your New Legislator

The fall elections introduced quite a turnover within Pennsylvania Legislature, especially within the House. The House swore in its 203 members, including twenty-one “freshmen” Republicans and eight Democrats. The House is now controlled by the Republicans at a ratio of 112 to 90 (1 seat is open). The chapter strongly encourages you to get in contact with the newly elected officials, introduce yourself and invite them to visit your ED. New to the game, these legislators are thirsting for knowledge and ways to build connections with their constituents. They need to see first-hand what emergency physicians do and it is up to you to show them. For further contact information, please call the PaACEP office at 1-877-ER-DOC-PA (373-6272). Also, the annual PEP PAC solicitation has begun. Look for information in the mail and please participate! ■

Emergency Medicine Residents Day



The twelfth annual Resident Recognition Day was held on March 2. Residents are an important part of PaACEP membership, and the chapter offers special benefits to this segment of our membership.

- No Chapter dues
- Free tuition for residents to attend PaACEP’s Annual Scientific Assembly* and significantly reduced tuition for other chapter sponsored CME programs
- Representation via voting resident positions on the PaACEP Board of Directors
- Receipt of all PaACEP member communications
- Input into chapter policies and programs by serving on PaACEP committees
- Opportunity to vote for Board of Directors candidates ■

* EM Residency programs are paying a modest per person fee to help offset administrative costs

New Members of the General Assembly

Republican House Members	County
John Lawrence	Chester
Rick Saccone	Allegheny
Ryan Aument	Lancaster
Eli Evankovich	Westmoreland
George Dunbar	Westmoreland
Fred Keller	Union
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Joe Hackett	Delaware
Rosemary Brown	Monroe
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Democrat House Members	County
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Tina Davis	Bucks
Margo Davidson	Delaware
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Democrat Senate Members	County
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John Blake	Lackawanna
James Brewster	Allegheny
Timothy Solobay	Washington

Sign up for a Committee Today!

PaACEP committees play an integral role in the development and implementation of the chapters' goals. All members are encouraged to participate! Please review the list of committees and select one that appeals to your interest and expertise. Notify Debi Stafford, PaACEP Administrative Secretary, of your name, mailing address, phone, email and committee preference. She can be reached via email at dstafford@pamedsoc.org or an interest form can be found online at www.paacep.org under Membership, Committees, and faxed to (717) 558-7841.

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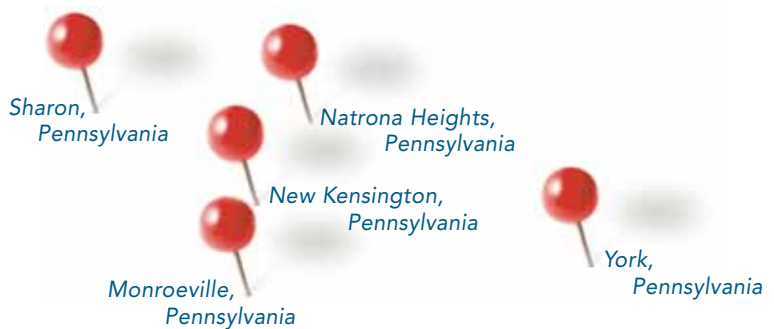
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session, as well as helping shape and deploy Council meetings.

As a member of the Steering Committee, I was invited to the Winter ACEP board meeting. I received more than a few comments and compliments regarding our Pennsylvania chapter. Thanks to the diligence, persistence and wisdom of leaders such as Alex Rosenau, Marilyn Heine, Bruce MacLeod and many others throughout the years, and most especially thanks to our Executive Director, David Blunk, our chapter is truly regarded as a leader. It's an honor to attend ACEP functions as a PaACEP member.

It's nearly spring and almost time for PaACEP's Scientific Assembly in April. This year it will be held in Harrisburg, and will involve a march up to the Capitol so that we may meet with our legislators and their staff, to educate and advocate, on

behalf of our fellow PaACEP members and our patients. The following month, ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference will again be held in Washington, D.C. We will be afforded the opportunity to go to Capitol Hill, to meet with our federal legislators and staff, again to educate and advocate on behalf of our fellow PaACEP members and our patients. We're fortunate to be in a position where our governmental leaders, both state and federal, are ready for change. Most know very little about health care, and emergency medicine in particular. Please make every effort to attend the PaACEP Scientific Assembly and ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference. If we all work together, we can make a difference. And don't forget to contribute to our state (PEP-PAC) and federal (NEMPAC) emergency medicine political action committees. Your contributions do make a difference, helping us become known and heard, so that we may have an even greater voice in helping affect positive change for us and for our patients. ■

Ralph Riviello, MD, FACEP Testifies at Capitol

Chapter Vice President Ralph Riviello, MD, FACEP, represented the chapter at a February 28 Capitol rotunda press event in support of House Bill 9.

State Representative Kathy Watson (R-Bucks) held a press conference to unveil her legislation to help save the lives of young and inexperienced drivers by updating Pennsylvania's Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) law. House Bill 9 will expand the hours of training required before a teen can take the driver's test from 50 hours to 65 hours, make non-use of a seat belt a primary offence, and it would limit the number of passengers a teen can have while driving with a junior driver's license.

Dr. Riviello praised Representative Watson for her efforts to propose reasonable and necessary life-saving GDL upgrades that will help save lives. He reminded the audience that emergency physicians are among the first medical professionals to treat victims of motor vehicle crashes, and who frequently minister to the families of victims who have died or suffered permanent injury. Vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for teenagers. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, fatalities in crashes that involved a 16 or 17 year-old driver in 2010 increased from 40 in 2009 to 57 last year, a 43 percent increase.

The bill is currently awaiting consideration by the House Transportation Committee and we are hopeful that it will see quick action at the Capitol. ■

ED Directors Listserve

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Directors practicing from around the state are all faced with the same daily challenges and the listserve provides the venue to share management issues, discuss regulatory concerns and request clinical advice. In 2010, some topics addressed include admission orders, anesthesia guidelines, verbal orders in the ED, death certificates, ED security and reporting of impaired drivers. If you are an ED Director and would like more information about participating in this listserve, please contact Kristi Spargo, PaACEP Assistant Executive, at kspargo@pamedsoc.org. ■



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Docs on Call

On March 9, the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) held the popular "Docs on Call" program which was aired on WGAL TV. Physician members of PAMED donate their time to participate in this public service program that allows local residents to call in anonymously and free of charge and ask medical questions and concerns. This year, PaACEP member David D. Vega, MD, FACEP, from York Hospital, joined in the ranks of volunteers helping those who may not have access to a physician. Thanks for your help Dr. Vega!

If you are interested in participating next year, please contact Carol Seidlich at the Pennsylvania Medical Society, at (800) 228-7823.



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