EBOLA COURSES ADDED TO ACEP14 SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCT. 28
Ebola: Hemorrhagic Fever and the U.S. Experience
3:30–4:30 p.m., Skyline Ballroom, Room W375
Emergency physicians are on the front lines during a major medical crisis. Find out from David C. Pigott, MD, RDMS, FACEP, and Alexander P. Isakov, MD, what they plan their next great adventure abroad.

Wednesdays, OCT. 29
Infections from Abroad: Unwanted Souvenirs
8–8:50 a.m., Skyline Ballroom, Room W375
Ever heard about “airport malaria”? Should you be worried about that “funny rash” on the Ugandan businesswoman? What medical advice do you give your sister who is planning a trip to Vietnam? Swaminatha Mahadevan, MD, FACEP, will identify infectious hot spots around the world and highlight must-know facts about travelers and visitors from these areas. In addition, find out what precautions travelers should consider as they plan their next great adventure abroad.

EBOLA SESSIONS FREE for All ACEP Members
Three presentations from ACEP14, including Monday’s session, “Inside the Hot Zone: Highly Infectious Pathogens in the ED,” by Dr. Pigott, will be captured live and presented as free courses in ACEP eCME, the College’s online and mobile education platform, to members and other EM colleagues. Each of the three courses will have a pretest, an audio and slide presentation of the lecture as it was delivered live in Chicago, and a post-test. Each of the courses also is approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit. Available Friday at www.acep.org/acep14EbolaCourses.
Please join us for a Product Showcase Lunch Presentation at the
ACEP14 Scientific Assembly

Acute Treatment of Agitation Associated with Schizophrenia or Bipolar I Disorder

Tuesday
October 28, 2014
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

• Review the current guidelines for the management of acute agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I disorder
• Discuss currently available therapies for emergency staff treating patients presenting with agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I disorder
• Identify unmet needs in the management of acute agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I disorder
• Describe the pharmacology, efficacy, and safety of an option for the treatment of acute agitation associated with schizophrenia or bipolar I disorder in adults

McCormick Place West
ACEP14 Exhibit Hall, F1
Chicago, Illinois

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what you live and breathe. I know your frustrations and aggravations and I know the joy of having a day where everything seems to flow and you feel like, ‘This is why I went into emergency medicine.’”

Dr. Kaplan promised to fight for:

• A long and fulfilling career where you love your work and are paid well for the hours you care.
• An emergency department environment where emergency physicians have the resources they need to give great care to their patients and to meet any crisis; where half of the beds are not occupied by inpatients boarding; and where the data by which emergency physicians are measured is appropriate and validated.

Dr. Kaplan said the College must continue to work hard to re-brand the image of the emergency department and to do a better job at demonstrating the value of emergency physicians.

“We are no longer just the window to the community nor can we remain the front door to the hospital,” he said. “Health care dollars will be limited and I want more in our pockets, rather than in hospitals’ and insurance companies’ coffers. We must become the porch of the medical neighborhood. We do not just care for emergencies. We are acute care diagnostic evaluation and treatment centers, because no one takes better care of patients who become suddenly ill than we do. We can no longer afford to be labeled as ‘the most expensive place to receive care’ in an era of ACOs and bundled payments. The future is ahead of schedule and we have to stay a step ahead of it.”

Dr. Kaplan, who announced his plan to resign as medical director of his group because of having a day where everything seems to flow and you feel like, ‘This is why I went into emergency medicine.’”

“We are no longer just the window to the community nor can we remain the front door to the hospital. Health care dollars will be limited and I want more in our pockets, rather than in hospitals’ and insurance companies’ coffers. Advocacy, fair reimbursement, quality care, liability reform, and support for graduate medical education. At the same time, he said, ACEP as a representative organization must support its state chapters and be better connected with regard to local concerns. Dr. Kaplan said his background and experience working for ACEP makes him not only a qualified leader of the College, but an experienced spokesperson. He has been national faculty for ACEP, taught at the ED Directors Academy, and given the Mills and Ronrie lectures—including at ACEP—and is a former recipient of the ACEP Outstanding Speaker of the Year Award.

“I know that the issues are different if you are a member of EMRA or mid-career, if you are a woman, a large chapter or small, more urban or more rural, a member of a national group or a single hospital practice.” Dr. Kaplan told the Council, “I am passionate about the work we do, and I am relentless—no one will work harder on your behal”.

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ACEP Council Elects Two Incumbents, Two Newcomers to the Board

At its meeting on Sunday, the ACEP Council elected two new members to the Board of Directors. From left to right: Incumbent Hans House, MD, FACEP; Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, PhD, MPH, FACEP; Stephen Anderson, MD, FACEP; and incumbent John Rogers, MD, CEP, FACEP.
Don’t Forget These EMF OFFERINGS

EMF MAJOR DONOR LOUNGE
(BY INVITATION)
MONDAY, OCT. 27–WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29
7:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.
McCormick Place West, Central Concourse, Level 3
EMF donors who have given $1,000 or more since Jan. 1, 2014, and Wiegenstein Legacy Society Members are invited to enjoy this relaxing private setting with refreshments, a computer, printer, and charging stations. Donors also can receive financial-planning advice and pick up donor ribbons and pins.

EMF SILENT AUCTION
MONDAY, OCT. 27–WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29
7:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.
McCormick Place West, Level 3
Stop by the EMF Silent Auction to bid on hundreds of items, with proceeds benefiting EMF. Items include once-in-a-lifetime experiences; sports, music, and celebrity memorabilia; jewelry; vacation getaway packages donated by members; and more.

INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED SATELLITE SYMPOSIA OPTIONS
Satellite symposia programs are educational, and some offer CME credit. These events will take place at the Chicago Hilton. These programs are not a part of the official ACEP14 education program as planned by ACEP’s Educational Meetings Committee.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28
6–9 p.m.
Targeted Oral Anticoagulation in the Emergency Department: Key Factors in Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation
Grantors: Boehringer Ingelheim and Daiichi Sankyo

ACEP14 Attracts National Media Attention

With more than 6,500 emergency physicians in the nation’s third-largest city, local and national media outlets took advantage of access to our attendees to ask questions and watch sessions related to Ebola virus disease. Many media members also attended Code Scenario events in innovaTED located in the Exhibit Hall.

All of the major local stations in Chicago arrived at McCormick Place West on Monday to interview ACEP members, the requests directed largely toward Ebola experts Drs. Rade Vukmir, David Pigott, and Kristi Koenig.

Press credentials also were issued to reporters from the Chicago Tribune, Associated Press, Newsweek, and Forbes Magazine, who each attended Monday’s sessions. Fox Business News conducted an interview on the innovaTED floor.

CBS Chicago reporter Dana Kozlov posted an article in that news outlet’s website that stated, “just days after Illinois became one of the three states calling for mandatory 21-day quarantine for returning health care workers at risk for the disease, some experts suggested it might be too much.”

The article quoted Ohio emergency physician Dr. Daniel Bachman; Dr. Pigott; and Dr. Mathew Bitner, the Co-Chair of ACEP’s Educational Meetings Subcommittee.

“What we recommend for physicians, or rather aid workers who have recently returned from Africa, is that they perform voluntary twice-daily temperatures at home, not a mandatory quarantine,” Dr. Pigott said in the article.
Closing the Gap on Thrombotic Events

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

McCormick Place West
Exhibit Hall
Chicago, Illinois

PRESENTER
Gregory J. Ferram, MD, FACEP
Professor and Executive Vice Chairman
Director, Clinical Trials Center
Department of Emergency Medicine
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
This lecture will discuss treatment options for patients with deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism, and how they can reduce the risk of recurrent thrombotic events.

Supported by Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
“Those ideas that are the ones which are completely and utterly obvious after the fact but very hard to see before the fact are the greatest ideas,” said Mr. Levitt, the William B. Ogden Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, where he directs the Becker Center on Chicago Price Theory.

The speakers rose to fame in 2005 with the publication of Freakonomics, and followed that up with two successors, but on stage yesterday, they were just two easygoing friends telling stories on how mixing clever thinking and sound research can be quite successful.

“What we all need to do our jobs well, you as much as us, is good data, understanding where the data come from, and understanding how incentives really work,” said Mr. Dubner, an award-winning author and journalist. “It’s a lot easier said then done. But that, we argue, is kind of the key to figuring out the modern world, our role in it, and how to help ourselves, and therefore help a lot of other people, like you all do every day.”

Nilesh Patel, DO, FAAEM, FACOEP, an associate program director at St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey, appreciated the speakers’ blend of atypical thinking and solid research. He said it dovetails with the mentality that draws him to the specialty.

“What drives me in emergency medicine is living on the edge a little bit, is taking chances, is using cutting-edge therapies,” Dr. Patel said. “The flip to that is you have to know the science behind that … they hit the nail on the head with that. That’s what we do, that’s what keeps us going.”

Richard Quinn is a freelance writer in New Jersey.

ACEP Council Digs Deep to Support NEMPAC in Critical Election Year

In the final week before the mid-term elections, ACEP Council members have stepped up to the plate to ensure that emergency medicine is prepared to make an impact on the outcome. With control of the Senate at stake and a slew of issues like ACA implementation, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, and liability reform left on the table for a new Congress to address in January, it is more important than ever for emergency physicians to stay active and engaged in the political process.

Prior to and during the ACEP Council meeting over the weekend, NEMPAC collected nearly $250,000 from Council members. Combined with thousands of donations by ACEP members across the country this year, NEMPAC is well on the way to reaching the $1 million goal set by the ACEP Board in 2014. NEMPAC serves a vital role in advancing ACEP’s legislative agenda and in broadening ACEP’s visibility with Congress. NEMPAC has already donated $1.5 million to House and Senate candidates in the 2014 elections with nearly 100 donations delivered by ACEP members at events in their own congressional districts. NEMPAC is also working hard to help re-elect two ACEP members who serve in Congress: Rep. Joe Heck (R-NV) and Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA).

For more information about NEMPAC and ACEP’s other political and legislative advocacy initiatives, stop by the Advocacy area of the ACEP Resource Center in the Exhibit Hall. ACEP members who sign up for ACEP’s 911 Grassroots Network, donate to NEMPAC, or join the ACEP Spokesperson’s Network will be entered into a drawing for two roundtrip airline tickets. Anyone who contributes $500 or more to NEMPAC in 2014 becomes a NEMPAC VIP and can enjoy the use of the VIP Hospitality Area (including laptops, snacks, and special seating) on the 3rd Floor of McCormick Place West during ACEP14.
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TUESDAY

11:10–11:20 a.m.
Durata Therapeutics
Emergency Medicine and Hospital Medicine: Putting Collaboration into Practice

11:20–11:40 a.m.
"Code Blue" Critical Care Scenario

11:50 a.m.–noon
T-System Inc.
Losing the ICD-10 Weight on the Backs of ED Physicians

12:10–12:20 p.m.
FUJIFILM SonoSite, Inc.
Workflow and Image Archival Solutions for the Busy ED

1:30–1:40 p.m.
Teleflex, Inc.
Sounding the Siren on Sepsis: Prehospital Sepsis Management

2:40–2:50 p.m.
Masimo Corporation
SpCO—Helping Catch the Silent Killer

2:50–3:10 p.m.
"Code Black" Disaster Scenario

11:30–11:40 a.m.
The Medicines Company
Cleviprex: Safe and Effective Blood Pressure Control

11:50 a.m.–noon
Covidien
Rapid Assessment and Treatment Decision Making for Acute Ischemic Stroke

12:10–12:20 p.m.
FreemanWhite, Inc.
Capacity Planning: Maximizing the Efficiency of Your Department

2:40–2:50 p.m.
The Shams Group
Transforming Your Patient ED Intake and Discharge Experience Via a High-Speed High-Touch Mobile App/Kiosk

2:50–3:10 p.m.
"Code Blue" Critical Care Scenario

WEDNESDAY

11:10–11:20 a.m.
Innovative Trauma Care
Taking the Emergency Out of Hemorrhage Control

11:20–11:40 a.m.
"Code Black" Disaster Scenario

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IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER! ACEP14, the premier emergency medicine educational conference, hit a new record attendance this year. More than 6,500 physicians and other health care providers registered for all four days of the conference here in Chicago. The old record was set last year in Seattle with 6,224 four-day attendees.

What Brings You to ACEP14?

“This is my first one ... the scope is huge. To see a truly multinational conference is pretty amazing. The exhibitions are amazing. The speakers are high class. Extremely well organized. So far, it’s great.”

—Tushar Pishe, MD, CCFP (EM), emergency specialist, St. John Regional Hospital, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada
**Better Bedside Care for Critically Ill Patients**

**by VANESSA CACERES**

Busy emergency physicians are often looking for clinical pearls they can use right away in the emergency department. That’s just what you can expect from “Just the Pearls: Bedside Tips and Tricks for the Critically Ill Patient,” said Scott D. Weingart, MD, FACEP, attending and chief of the division of emergency critical care at Stony Brook University Medical Center and associate professor of emergency medicine at Stony Brook School of Medicine in Stony Brook, New York. “The reason to attend any of these tips-and-tricks sessions is that it’s the educational session that gives the maximum number of take-home messages in the time you sit there,” Dr. Weingart said. “The point is to eliminate fluff and give clinical pearls you can use tomorrow.”

Dr. Weingart will cover strategies and skills to enable rapid assessment and treatment of the critically ill trauma patient. This will include optimum ways to manage the crashing trauma patient before placing chest tubes, he said. “There also will be new strategies to take care of the crashing trauma patient who’s hemorrhaging in front of you.”

Even for those who attended Dr. Weingart’s session last year, there will be a substantial amount of new information, he said. Last year’s attendees noted in their feedback that they would like new information related to this topic, which is why Dr. Weingart revamped his presentation to cover the most relevant pearls from last year as well as new information that audience members will find helpful. “Ninety percent of the information is brand-new tips and tricks you’ve not heard in the past,” he said.

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**How Emergency Physicians Choose Wisely**

**by FRANCESCA BARATTA**

Although the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is the most talked about vehicle of health care reform, physicians across medical disciplines are taking extra steps to increase patient satisfaction and the value of patient care by joining the Choosing Wisely campaign.

“Emergency physicians, particularly academics today, need to be more involved in the future of medicine, which is controlling costs, looking at being more efficient, providing value,” said Dr. Weingart.

The Choosing Wisely campaign is part of that,” said David C. Seaberg, MD, CPE, FACEP, Past President and former Chairman of the Board for ACEP.

An initiative of the ABIM Foundation, Choosing Wisely aims to encourage physicians to think about the necessity of tests and quality improvement in patient care by creating and following lists of evidence-based care recommendations. ACEP and other specialty societies have created lists of five tests and procedures that may not be cost-effective in some situations and should prompt discussion with patients in order to both educate them and gain their agreement regarding avoidance of such tests and procedures.

In his Rapid Fire session, “Wise Chosen Care: How the Choosing Wisely Campaign Could Change Medicine,” Dr. Seaberg will describe his role in ACEP’s decision to join the campaign and “why that will pay dividends in the future.”

Choosing Wisely.

The emergency medicine community was initially reluctant to join Choosing Wisely. In fact, Dr. Seaberg was President-Elect of ACEP when the organization decided three times not to take part in the campaign. As President, he had a change of heart.

“I wasn’t necessarily a staunch supporter initially,” Dr. Seaberg said. “I still think there are certain issues with the Choosing Wisely campaign. But again, it’s a launching pad. I hope it can be a launching pad to look at ways that we can reduce waste and unnecessary testing in medicine and even possibly lead to other reforms around that.”

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**Don’t Miss These Other Tuesday Hot Sessions**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**Heroic Procedures You Should Know**

8–8:50 a.m.  
Skyline Ballroom, Room W375 A  
Faculty: Vikhyat S. Bebarta, MD, FACEP

Emergency thoracotomy is a lifesaving procedure that is not without significant risk to the patient and health care workers. Other heroic procedures are done infrequently, but will they save lives? The speaker will discuss the indications and describe the proper technique for specific heroic procedures such as thoracotomy, diagnostic peritoneal lavage, cardiac wound repair, cricothyroidotomy, pericardiocentesis, venous cut down, and chest tube thoracostomy.

**Cruising the Literature: Pediatric Emergency Medicine 2014**

10–10:50 a.m.  
Skyline Ballroom, Room W375 B  
Faculty: Richard M. Cantor, MD, FACEP

Keeping up with the expanding pediatric emergency medicine literature is a challenge for busy emergency physicians. The speaker will review the recent literature from the past twelve months and discuss those articles that could affect the way you treat pediatric patients.

**The High-Risk Abdomen: Common Complaints and Crashing Patients**

2–2:25 p.m.  
Skyline Ballroom, Room W375 C  
Faculty: Diane M. Birnbaum, MD, FACEP

Abdominal pain is a common presenting complaint in the ED, but frequently no definitive diagnosis is made. Which patients are safe to discharge, and who could be your next lawsuit? Join the speaker in a case-based presentation that will highlight common errors made in the evaluation of abdominal pain, and how to prevent them through proper evaluation and documentation.

**Therapy for Non-ST Elevation ACS: Update 2014**

2–2:25 p.m.  
McCormick Place West, W196 ABC  
Faculty: Tarlan Hedayati, MD, FACEP

A number of established and new therapies exist in the management of patients with non-ST elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) and unstable angina. Every year, however, these therapies are updated or changed completely. The speaker will review the most recent literature on risk stratification and treatment of NSTEMI. Therapies, such as heparin, nitrates, antplatelet agents, antithrombins, and percutaneous coronary interventions will be reviewed, using the latest literature and guidelines.
Treating Dental Pain in the ED
by FRANCESCA BARATTA

Patients arriving daily at the emergency department with dental pain have forced physicians to adapt their medical practice and equipment. From the beginning of this trend, Kip Benko, MD, FACEP, clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and assistant medical director at McAnulty’s EMS, has been teaching residents, faculty, and advanced-practice providers the essentials of dental blocks and facial anesthesia.

“When we first started, no one was doing these blocks, and as people began to see more and more patients with dental pain in their emergency department, these blocks have become, really, an indispensable part of their practice,” said Dr. Benko.

The dental blocks and facial anesthetic skills he learned from his dentist father during his third-year residency can be used for dental pain and traumatic facial injuries. Dr. Benko’s illustrative examples include dental pain cases, along with a patient with a glass embedded in his forehead from a car accident and another with a lip laceration caused by a cat scratch.

First presented 18 years ago at ACEP’s annual meeting in San Diego, Dr. Benko’s presentation, “Fixing Faces Painless: Facial Anesthesia, Regional Blocks,” now includes high-definition video and 3-D images of the complicated nerves of the mouth, face, and jaw. “As video and imagery has improved, it’s been better able to translate into education and translate into teaching the residents and faculty the best way to perform these blocks,” he said.

The facial anesthesia lecture is a prerequisite for the “Emergency Dental Skills Lab,” in which Dr. Benko and his University of Pittsburgh colleagues teach 150 conference attendees how to put what they learned from the lecture into practice.

Dr. Benko finds that physicians consider dental patient care very fulfilling: “If [a patient] has a terrible toothache and you do a dental block on them and their pain completely goes away, that patient is just an extremely gratified patient, and it makes the clinician feel very satisfied.”

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Fresh Perspective on Pain Management
by FRANCESCA BARATTA

Diversification of pain medication from emergency departments is an issue of concern to physicians and politicians alike, but James Ducharme, MD, believes a balance between diversion wariness and efficient pain management is necessary for emergency physicians.

“We have to understand that we’re trying to do right by the patient and that we want to ensure that we answer their needs in terms of pain management,” said Dr. Ducharme, a clinical professor of medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, who has researched and taught about pain for the last 20 years.

In his presentation, “You Gotta Help Me, Doc!”—Novel Approaches to Pain Management in the ED,” Dr. Ducharme will discuss the use of opioids, the alternative medications that can be prescribed, and the negative consequences of patients and physicians ignoring acute pain.

Dr. Ducharme wants physicians to understand that patient communication is key to managing pain. “It’s not up to me to judge what’s enough pain relief; that’s the patient,” he said.

Conversely, he acknowledges that patients do not realize the consequences of tolerating pain instead of treating it within the first day of symptoms. For example, migraine pain is more likely to return the next day if left even partially untreated. “Although we want to do what the patient wants us to do,” Dr. Ducharme said, “sometimes we have to realize there are other end targets that we have to try to avoid by taking control of pain.”

Dr. Ducharme believes the misunderstanding of chronic pain is caused by an absence of training on the topic for emergency physicians. Instead of shying away from the subject, pain needs to be approached just like diabetes or heart disease. “Chronic pain is no different from any other chronic disease, and yet we’ve ignored it,” he said. “Managing pain is purely an attitude reorientation.”

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ACEP Advocacy Drawing

ACEP members who stop by the Advocacy area of the ACEP Resource Center can enter a drawing for two round-trip airline tickets on American Airlines if they do one of three things: join the 911 Grassroots Advocacy Network, donate to NEMPAC (if you’re an active ACEP member), or join the ACEP Spokesperson Network. The advocacy drawing entry period runs 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. through Wednesday.

Don’t Forget the Suite!
The NEMPAC VIP Donor Suite is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. ACEP members who have contributed at least $500 to NEMPAC in 2014 are invited to visit the NEMPAC Donor Hospitality Suite each day for complimentary refreshments, laptop/printer usage, and professional neck and shoulder massages.

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The 2014 ACEP Council considered several resolutions during its annual meeting this week, including issues related to the ACEP bylaws and emergency medicine practice issues.

This year’s 367-member Council represents all 53 chapters, 33 ACEP sections of membership, the Emergency Medicine Residents’ Association (EMRA), the Association of Academic Chairs in Emergency Medicine (AACEM), the Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors (CORD), and the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM).

The resolutions adopted by the Council do not become College policy until they are reviewed and approved by the ACEP Board of Directors on Thursday.

On Sunday, the Council approved a Bylaws resolution that restructures ACEP membership categories, which was structural in nature, not substantive. The resolution proposed that ACEP membership categories be combined to regular, candidate, international, and honorary. This Bylaws change to the structure would not impact dues or benefits.

The Council also voted to adopt a resolution asking ACEP to study the feasibility of creating a non-voting, non-office-holding membership category for individuals not currently eligible for active membership.

A resolution regarding “continued vs. continuous” membership for maintenance of fellow status was referred to the Board. Testimony was divided and those in favor indicated that members could pay back dues or reapply for fellow status. Those against the resolution indicated that there might be unforeseen consequences of military members or those working internationally losing their FACEP distinction.

Also referred to the Board were resolutions about Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation and Advocacy for Professional Licensure of EMS Providers.

The Council adopted resolutions related to:
- Assistant Physician Designation
- ED Information System Safety Issue Recognition and Management
- ED Mental Health Information Exchange
- EMTALA-Related Liability Reform
- Examination of Stark Law Potential Implications
- Future Funding for ACEP Report Cards in the Emergency Care Environment

AMA President-Elect Recaps the ACA for ACEP14

CHICAGO—Take it from the incoming president of the American Medical Association (AMA): the Affordable Care Act has flaws aplenty, but it’s moved health care forward in a way unseen since the 1965 creation of Medicare and Medicaid.

“The nation has been struggling to enact meaningful health system reform for more than a century,” AMA President-Elect Steven Stack, MD, FACEP, said in yesterday’s Colin C. Rorrie, Jr. Lecture at ACEP14, “But I would argue that we may have accomplished more in the last four years than in the preceding 40.”

Dr. Stack’s talk, aptly named “The ACA: The Rocky Road to Health Reform,” highlighted progress made in adding insurance coverage for millions of new people and protections of coverage for some 129 million patients with pre-existing conditions. But he emphasized that physicians—and others—need to realize insurance coverage is just one facet of the ACA.

“It’s also about improving quality and delivery functions, transitioning from a fragmented health care system with different providers and stakeholders operating largely independently to a collaborative, team-based approach, and shifting the focus of payment from quantity of service to quality of service.”

Emergency medicine veteran Ron Low, MD, MS, FACEP, of New York City Health and Hospitals Corp., was drawn to Dr. Stack’s talk by both interest in the varied impacts of the ACA, and his status as the first emergency physician to ever lead the AMA. Dr. Low said the talk reinforced for him how arduous the path to continued reform, and its ensuing improvements will be.

“I probably appreciate even more now that it’s going to be an unfinished thing for a while,” Dr. Low added. “It is frustrating but I don’t see any alternative, so I guess we’ll have to put our heads down [and keep working].”

In a brief question-and-answer session, Dr. Stack, an emergency department medical director in two states who currently practices in Lexington, Kentucky, told one nervous physician that even if Republicans take over Congress in next week’s mid-term elections, he fully expects President Obama to veto any effort. In the meantime, emergency physicians need to step up and voice their concerns to be part of the process, he said.

“Our specialty must clearly articulate and define the role and value of our services in a reformed health care delivery system,” Dr. Stack added. “Emergency medicine in the future may look substantially different than today and we’ll have to adapt to survive and thrive.”

RICHARD QUINN is a writer in New Jersey.
ACEP Announces New Choosing Wisely List

CHICAGO—Today, ACEP announced its second list for the ABIM Foundation’s Choosing Wisely campaign.

The campaign encourages medical specialty societies to create lists of five tests and procedures that may not be cost effective in some situations and should prompt discussion with patients in order to both educate them and gain their agreement regarding avoidance of such tests and procedures.

“As emergency physicians, we are committed to reducing health care costs while at the same time continuing to fulfill our commitments to provide the best, most efficient emergency care to millions of Americans,” said Michael J. Gerardi, MD, FACEP, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Tests and Procedures to Question

1. Avoid CT of the head in asymptomatic adult patients in the emergency department with syncope, insignificant trauma and a normal neurological evaluation. Syncope (passing out or fainting) or near syncope (lightheadedness or almost passing out) is a common reason for visiting an emergency department and most of those visits are not serious. Many tests may be ordered to identify the cause of the problem. However, these tests should not be routinely ordered, and the decision to order them should be guided by information obtained from the patient’s history or physical examination.

2. Avoid CT pulmonary angiography in emergency department patients with a low-pretest probability of pulmonary embolism and either a negative Pulmonary Embolism Rule-Out Criteria (PERC) or a negative D-dimer. Advances in medical technology have increased the ability to diagnose even small blood clots in the lung. Now, the most commonly used test is known as a CT pulmonary angiogram (CTPA). It is readily available in most hospitals and emergency departments. However, disadvantages of the CTPA include patient exposure to radiation, the use of dye in the veins that can damage kidneys and high cost.

3. Avoid lumbar spine imaging in the emergency department for adults with traumatic back pain unless the patient has severe or progressive neurologic deficits or is suspected of having a serious underlying condition, such as vertebral infection or cancer with bony metastasis. Low back pain without trauma is a common presenting complaint in the emergency department. Most of the time, such pain is caused by conditions such as a muscle strain or a bulging disc that cannot be identified on an x-ray or CT scan.

4. Avoid prescribing antibiotics in the emergency department for uncomplicated sinusitis. Sinusitis is a common reason for patients to visit the emergency department. Most patients with acute sinusitis do not require antibiotic treatment, because 98 percent of acute sinusitis cases are caused by a viral infection and resolve in 10–14 days without treatment.

5. Avoid ordering CT of the abdomen and pelvis in young otherwise healthy emergency department patients with known histories of ureterolithiasis presenting with symptoms consistent with uncomplicated kidney stones. Many patients in the emergency department who are less than 50 years old and who have symptoms of recurrent kidney stones do not need a CT scan unless these symptoms persist or worsen, or if there is a fever, or a history of severe obstruction with previous stones. CT scans of patients in the emergency department with symptoms of a recurrent kidney stone usually don’t change treatment decisions, and the cost and radiation exposure can often be avoided in these cases.

Let the Tweeting Begin!

by JEREMY SAMUEL FAUST, MD, MS, MA

It’s only Day 1 of ACEP14 and Chicago is already buzzing. For the first time, ACEP has an official social media team. I (@JeremyFaust) am joined by an all-star group of emergency physicians: Salim Rezaie (@srezaie), Ryan Radecki (@emiloftnote), Jason Nomura (@TakeOkun), Lauren Westafer (@LWestafer), Seth Trueger, (@MDAware), and Allen Roberts (@GruntDoc). If you’re new to Twitter or just reconnecting, follow these accounts or search #ACEP14. It’s easier than trying to take notes!

Here are a few of today’s top Tweets. Costa Rica ED physician, Manrique Umana (@UmanaMD) was at Dr. Corey Slovis’ Cardiology update talk and tweeted “Slovis: 10-30% of non-STEMI’s have a fresh clot. ‘Hypothermia+cat’ lab stat post-arrest is the way to go!”

Bob Stuntz (@BobStuntz) kept up with Scott Weingart’s talk “Save the Blade!” on avoiding intubation. Among his best: “Weingart: Lower esophageal sphincter opens at 22-23cm H2O, so keep NIV [non-invasive ventilation] pressures 15-20.”

Since Ebola is all over the news, I would be remiss not to mention Dr. David Pigott’s lecture “Inside the Hot Zone: Highly Infectious Pathogens in the ED.” Official #ACEP14 social media team member Allen Roberts (@GruntDoc) tweeted that when treating Ebola, expect “5-10 liters of GI losses [per day] with lyte disturbance.” He also tweeted about the FDA’s support of compassionate use for unapproved therapies.

On a congratulatory note, Dr. Roberts’ account just passed the 7,000 followers mark. If you ever needed a reason to join Twitter, how’s this: thousands of people all over the globe can learn what you’re learning, right here in Chicago!

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Check Out Cutting-edge Research at the Research Forum

The Research Forum has been elevated to new heights in 2014 with a new electronic showcase and more original research than ever before. Held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27–28, this is the world’s largest gathering of emergency medicine researchers, and access is free as part of your ACEP14 four-day registration. Listen to oral presentations, followed by a discussion led by a recognized researcher. You can also view selected abstracts electronically, grouped by topic and critiqued by a recognized discussant.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28
7 a.m.–3 p.m. Registration
7 a.m.–5 p.m. Abstracts open
8–8:30 a.m. State-of-the-art research presentation
8:30–9:30 a.m. Oral presentations
9:30–11:30 a.m. Electronic abstract presentations
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Networking lunch*
1–2 p.m. Oral presentations
1:30–3:30 p.m. Electronic abstract presentations
3:30–4:30 p.m. Wine & cheese networking social
4:30–5:30 p.m. Cutting-edge Emergency Medicine: Highlights of the Research Forum

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“The networking, bringing our residents and getting them involved, getting them to various lectures we may not be able to have at our home shop. Really the opportunity to meet people, whether you’re interested in research, a job, whatever it is—it’s all pretty much here.”

—Renee Riggs, DO, FACEP, residency program director, UMDNJ–Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey

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“It’s nice to focus on the education component, without question. As opposed to, you’re going to meetings, you’re going here, there—not education. One of the frustrating things is there’s so many good ones, I can’t get to them all ... I’m very impressed.”

—Anthony Colucci, DO, FACEP, medical director, emergency department, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Clinton Township, Michigan
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