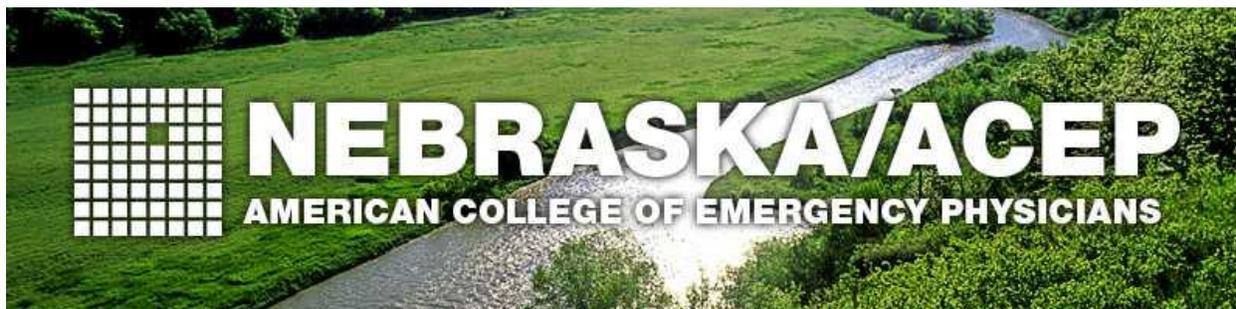


A Newsletter for the Members of the Nebraska Chapter - Summer 2021

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**From the President**

**Benjamin Fago, MD, FACEP**

Nebraska Chapter Members,

Just when we thought we were getting ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Delta variant surfaced and the current surge is again putting stress on our emergency departments and healthcare systems. Many schools, businesses, and government entities are bringing back restrictions and mask mandates which have undoubtedly led to lively debate. Time will tell when this surge peaks or if another variant will emerge and as Emergency Physicians, we will continue our front-line battle with other health care heroes. The Nebraska ACEP Board met on July 26th and have tentatively set a date of October 7th at 5:30 pm for an in-person Nebraska Chapter meeting. Our initial choice of venue didn't work out and we're working with a sponsor to secure another site. However, this is all still tentative given what happens in the coming months with the pandemic and if it will be appropriate/possible to meet in person. We'll work to keep you updated as I know we all have busy work and personal schedules to plan around. I appreciate your patience as we navigate through this.

["The Emergency Medicine Physician Workforce: Projections for 2030"](#) was recently published in *Annals*. Over the past couple of years, eight organizations (AACEM, ABEM, ACOEP, AOBEM, ACEP, CORD, EMRA, and SAEM) came together to evaluate the future

of our specialty. The key takeaway from the Taskforce is that in the coming years, we're likely to see an oversupply of emergency physicians. Many of you have probably seen the 8 key considerations that were identified:

1. Stem the growth of emergency medicine residents and residency programs
2. Raise the bar and ensure consistency across emergency medicine residency training
3. Ensure business interests are not superseding the needs of educating the workforce
4. Support practicing physicians to encourage rewarding practice in all communities
5. Ensure appropriate use of NPs and PAs to protect the unique role of emergency physicians
6. Set the standards for emergency medicine so every patient has access to a board-certified emergency physician
7. Broaden the umbrella to expand emergency medicine physician scope of practice
8. Expand the reach of emergency medicine to ensure that no community is left behind

The report, webinar, summary and other information can be found on the [ACEP website](#) and is an interesting read. Near the bottom of the page there is a link to leave feedback for the Taskforce and I encourage you to look through the information and send your thoughts/ideas.

On a final note, [ACEP21](#) is October 25-28 in Boston. Once again, COVID has wreaked havoc on scheduling, meetings, gatherings, travel restrictions, etc. and it does not look like we will be having a formal reception for Nebraska Chapter members as we have in the past. I wish all of you safe travels if you are able to attend and hope to see you there.

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### **Welcome New NE ACEP Members!**

Ty Anderson, MD  
Eric Boggess, DO  
Kaitlin Ann Dougherty  
Alba Duvall, MD  
Molly Clare Geraghty, MD  
Andrew Lundberg Hatfield, MD  
Julie Held  
Joshua A Henry, MD  
Cynthia Leigh Hernandez, MD  
Ellen Horstmann, MBBCH MD  
Bradford Christopher Huff, MD  
Molly E Johnson, 7039779, MD  
Gregory Martin Keelen, DO  
Gerald Christian Alexander Kulish, MD  
Morgan Elizabeth McKinney, DO  
Katherine Elizabeth Merritt, MD  
Emma C Nash, MD  
Breanne Parets  
Martin Tremwel  
Michele E Williams, MD  
Megan Nicole Yank

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**Webinar: Rural Emergency Medicine: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed**

Host: Rural Emergency Medicine Section

August 20, 2021 | 3:00 PM CT

[Register here](#)

Leaders of ACEPs Rural Section will be giving an update on current hot topics regarding rural emergency medicine. Many see rural America as the new frontier for EM workforce, and there is truth to that, but the issue is much more complex and nuanced than it may seem. Please join Drs. Scott Findley, Ashley Kochanek Weisman, and Stephen Jameson as they update ACEP sections and state chapters on rural EM workforce, Council resolutions to expand EM physician opportunities and improve rural ED patient care, rural health political initiatives, and the collaboration efforts that are underway with our NP, PA, and non-EM trained physician colleagues. There will be opportunity for Q&A during this 90-minute session as well.

## Featured News

### Senate Passes Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act

ACEP is pleased to announce that early Friday morning, the Senate approved S. 610, the "Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act." This comes on the heels of hundreds of ACEP members joining together to lobby for this legislation during last month's Leadership & Advocacy Conference, conducting 287 meetings with legislators and staff from 44 states. [Read more details and view next steps.](#)

### EM Physician Workforce of the Future:

- The EM Workforce Report Session from the recent Leadership & Advocacy Conference [is now available](#). Listen in as ACEP leaders discuss the data & next steps.
- The Young Physicians Section [hosted a Q&A session](#) with ACEP President Elect Dr. Gillian Schmitz and EMRA President Elect Dr. Angela Cai, asking workforce-related questions submitted by YPS members.
- "[The Emergency Medicine Physician Workforce: Projections for 2030](#)" was recently published in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.
- **New ACEP Policy Statement:** [Emergency Medicine Workforce](#)
- Get the latest workforce updates at [www.acep.org/workforce](http://www.acep.org/workforce).

[Resident Voice: Where Medicine and Literature Meet](#) (ACEP Now, July 22)

### New ACEP Policy Statement & Information Paper

- [Definition of Emergency Medicine Residency](#)
- [Medication Therapy for Psychiatric Crisis Events](#)

## COVID-19

### Press Releases:

- [ACEP Urges FDA to Prioritize Emergency Physicians for COVID-19 Booster](#) (August 13)
- [Emergency Physicians to Parents and Students: Prioritize COVID Safety in Back-to-School Plans](#) (August 13)
- [Emergency Physicians Increase their Calls for Concerns around COVID-19 Delta Variant and Support Mandate to Vaccinate Healthcare Workers](#) (July 28)

### Do You Have a Vaccination Program in Your ED?

As new variants continue to emerge, there is more urgency to vaccinate as many people as possible against the virus. If you have set up a vaccination program in your ED, [please take a few minutes to complete our survey for national data gathering](#). If you haven't, please consider working with your institution to provide vaccines to appropriate patients who will be discharged from the ED. An [on-demand webinar features ACEP members](#) explaining how they set up vaccine administration programs in their EDs and their lessons learned. And [there are more resources online](#), including helpful tools for addressing vaccine hesitancy.

### **New Podcast: COVID-19 Myth Busting**

ACEP members are all fielding questions and concerns from friends and family. ACEP Frontline host Dr. Ryan Stanton sits down with Dr. Howie Mell to dispel some ongoing myths around vaccines, variants and more. [Share this episode on social media to help us battle disinformation.](#)

**New:** [COVID-19 Vaccination Smart Phrase](#)

### **Upcoming Webinars:**

[White House Conversation: Health Systems, Providers and the COVID-19 Vaccination Effort](#) (8/18, 11am CT)

[COVID-19 Variants: What Emergency Physicians Need to Know](#) (8/20, 12pm CT) During this live, free webinar we will provide an overview of Coronaviruses and the SARS-CoV-2 variants and review their classifications. The presenters will also present on the clinical implications, relevance and trends based on variants of interest, concern, and high consequence, including prevention, presentation, treatment, and management. [Register here.](#)

**Get the Latest Tools in the [COVID-19 Clinical Alert Center](#)**

## **ACEP Member Benefits**

### **Get the Support You Need**

Stress is high right now, on so many levels. Everyone has unique needs depending on personal circumstances, but the following free support services are available:

- [Crisis counseling/wellness sessions](#) available 24/7 and strictly confidential
- [Peer support line](#) for physicians and medical students, available 24/7
- [Let's Talk forum](#) for ACEP members, our only forum to allow anonymous posts

## **Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines**

**August 18:** [White House Conversation: Health Systems, Providers and the COVID-19 Vaccination Effort](#) (11 am CT)

**August 20:** [COVID-19 Variants: What Emergency Physicians Need to Know](#)

**August 25:** [Medical School Loans and the CARES Act: What You Need to Know](#)

**August 30:** [Rural Emergency Medicine: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed](#)

**September 23:** [Dental 101 for ED Physicians \(Webinar\)](#)

**October 25-28:** ACEP21 in Boston — [REGISTRATION IS OPEN!](#) Use promo code ACEP21CHAP for \$100 off the in-person meeting price.

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## **Improve the Quality of Acute Care to Patients with ACEP Accreditation**

When you choose accreditation, you are choosing to pursue a commitment to excellence across the spectrum of care that will help attract more patients and elevate your institution— providing a competitive edge in the marketplace.

- Strengthen community confidence in the quality and safety of care, treatment, and services – achieving accreditation makes a strong statement to the community about an organization’s efforts to provide the highest quality services.
- Provide a framework for organizational structure and management – accreditation involves maintaining a high level of quality and compliance with the latest standards. Accreditation provides guidance to an organization’s quality improvement efforts.
- Align emergency departments with one of the most respected names in emergency health care – being accredited by ACEP helps organizations position for the future of integrated care.

[Learn more about ACEP's Accreditation Programs](#)

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