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President's Message

Jordan M. Warchol, MD, MPH, FACEP

Dear Nebraska Emergency Physicians,

There has been much discussion in the House of Medicine since the Supreme Court of the United States released their opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson.

Within the Emergency Medicine community, significant angst has centered around the concerns that may arise when EMTALA, a federal law, and the laws of the state where a patient is seen contradict.

To this point, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released [updated guidance](#) in July 2022 to address these concerns. The guidance reiterated that EMTALA supersedes any state law related to the care of an emergency medical condition (EMC), regardless of if state law is in direct conflict with treatment or stabilization of the emergency medical condition. The guidance also included the following:

- The determination of the presence of an EMC is the responsibility of the treating physician or other qualified medical personnel and may include a condition which is likely to become emergent without stabilizing treatment.
- Hospitals should ensure that all medical and non-medical personnel who may encounter a patient understand the hospital's responsibility under EMTALA.
- Hospitals and physicians have an obligation to provide all necessary stabilizing treatment options to a patient with an EMC.

Further information on the guidance is available from [ACEP's Regs & Eggs blog](#).

Within Nebraska, there is a high likelihood of further discussion of reproductive care in the next legislative session, beginning in January. Your Nebraska Chapter Board will continue to work with national ACEP and local medical organizations to continue to monitor any action on this front within the state. Please [reach out](#) at any time with questions or concerns.

**From the President-Elect
Julie Query, MD**

Greetings! I would like to introduce myself as a member of the Nebraska emergency medicine community and as President-Elect of the Nebraska Chapter of ACEP. I have been practicing emergency medicine for just over 10-years, in Colorado and Nebraska.



My practice has been in less populated areas of both states to this point.

I have long had an interest in the difference between available resources (and the subsequent differences in practice) in larger population centers when compared to more rural areas. This interest grew more intense as the COVID pandemic made apparent the lack of critical care beds in the state (and nationally).

The pandemic spurred me to think about how I can advocate with legislative bodies about the need for investment in training and retention of medical personnel at all levels, increasing critical care reserve capacity, network/logistics for transfer/transport of critically ill over long distances and how to empower rural/regional centers to be more self-sufficient in times of true crisis.

When I hear national leaders speak about what rural populations need, it seems that few of them are currently practicing in the rural environment. I would like to be part of that discourse. One of my goals would be to become active in outreach to outlying areas in Nebraska, with the goal of identifying practical solutions to some of these issues and to try to be a voice for the challenges that rural practice faces. I have many other interests but these issues in particular are what inspired me to serve in ACEP leadership.

I am excited to make new connections through this endeavor! Please [reach out](#) with ideas or concerns. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and do not hesitate to let me know about the issues that you think would have the most impact on your practice and community.

**Resident Corner
Elizabeth A. Reiche, MD**



July is a time of change in graduate medical education. Brand new interns start, newly minted physicians stepping into the emergency department, fresh off their medical school graduation.

The senior residents step into their new roles, seeing patients with more efficiency, as well as having more and more responsibility in the emergency department.

The graduates become fellows and attendings at their institutions, learning new systems, a new role, and new responsibilities to their learners. Some may disagree, but I truly love July.

As one of this year's chief residents at UNMC, I not only had a seat at the table when it came to educating and orienting our new interns to the emergency department, but I also worked side by side with my new PGY-2 and PGY-3 colleagues covering the department during a time when volumes are picking back up to pre-pandemic levels. It has been a motivating and awe-inspiring experience.

I was constantly impressed by the work ethic, dedication, and knowledge of my peers as well as their dedication to their patients as people first and foremost. Our 2022 graduates would then report back, talking about how well prepared they were for life after residency, as well as discussing the huge learning curve that comes with being an attending physician, a challenge they were excelling at. Lastly, I was inspired by our interns and their willingness to try new things every shift, immerse themselves in this specialty, and ask questions to better understand this wonderful career they've chosen for themselves.

July is a time of change. It's a time to step up. It's a time to reflect on how far you've come. It's a time to realize that our specialty is in good hands with the learners who are undergoing some of the most intense and academically challenging years of their lives, and working hard to make the world, and Nebraska, a better place.

Nebraska ACEP Chapter Reception

Join us for our annual reception this year in San Francisco. A special thank you to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for again co-sponsoring this reception.

When: Sunday, October 2nd

Where: 5:30PM-7PM PDT

Venue: [Hilton Union Square](#)

Conference Room: Sixth Floor, Nob Hill 2 & 3

RSVP: [Here](#)

Significant others & children are welcome. Registration is required by Sunday, September 25th @ 5:30PM CDT.



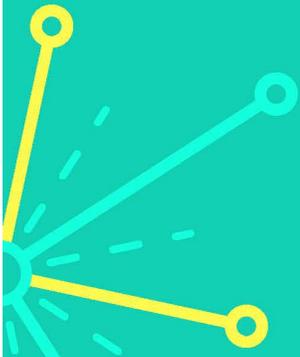
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Adriana's Corner Know Before you Go!

If you are planning to attend [ACEP22](#) in San Francisco. Find information about the COVID protocols [here](#). Your safety & health matters to us!

Welcome Members!

A special welcome to the new members of the Nebraska Chapter and to those that renewed their membership. Please [reach out](#) if you would like to become involved at the chapter level, including leadership opportunities.

We are excited to have you!

Andrew J Russell, MD	Natalie Rose Rech
Brian H Cunningham, MD, FACEP	Neil Aaron Haley
Daniel Kalin, MD	Ryan Phillip Boyland
Jeffrey Cooper, MD, FACEP	Susan L MacQuiddy, MD, FACEP
Michael James Backer	Virginia Barragan-Lopez

FROM NATIONAL ACEP



ACEP Resources & Latest News

New Monkeypox Emergency Medicine Project Requests Case Images

ACEP has partnered with VisualDx to create the [Monkeypox Emergency Medicine Project](#). Together we are asking you to contribute your confirmed monkeypox case images to the initiative. Images will be deidentified and made freely accessible to ACEP members to better assist recognition, clinical care, and education. It will also be available within the VisualDx system. [Learn more.](#)

More Monkeypox Resources: We are regularly updating our [Monkeypox Field Guide](#) and providing weekly rundowns in the [Emerging Threats Communication Hub](#), an open discussion forum for all ACEP members.

Current Insurer Calculation of Qualified Payment Amount for Out-of-Network (OON) Care May Violate No Surprises Act

A new study indicates health insurers are trying to game the system again. [Learn more.](#)

Apply for ACEP's Reimbursement Leadership Development Program by Sept. 8.

ACEP is sponsoring three members to attend several key events in order to train the future leaders in EM reimbursement. Commitment is estimated at 25 days of travel during the 18-month program. [Learn more.](#)

Advocacy at Home: August Recess Toolkit

Elected officials are heading back to their districts for the month and our [Advocacy At Home: August Recess Toolkit](#) can help you set and prepare for local meetings with federal legislators or staff. This is a great time to share your stories that

personalize our calls for policy changes. Find this toolkit and more helpful resources for speaking with media and legislators in [ACEP's Media Hub](#).

Get Your Bike Helmet Ready! Dr. and Lady Glaucomflecken are Speaking at ACEP22

Don't miss these social media sensations as they share their perspectives about the physician, patient and family experience. Join us Oct. 1-4 in San Francisco for the [world's largest EM educational conference!](#)

ACEP22 Travel Discounts You Need to Know About

- Hotels: Seven ACEP22 hotels have [recently discounted rates](#) for you! If you already booked through OnPeak, your rates will be automatically lowered. If not, you can still book with these discounted rates.
- Airfare: ACEP + TripEasy = [savings up to 20% off flights](#)

Myth BustED: Patients' Rights in the Emergency Department

ACEP recently launched a "Myth BustED" video series to debunk common misconceptions and educate the public about emergency care. In our first video—[Patients' Rights in the Emergency Room](#)—Dr. Avir Mitra educates patients about laws like EMTALA and the Prudent Layperson Standard that protect access to emergency care. [Watch now to see how ACEP is encouraging patients to always seek care when they need it.](#)

New Bedside Tool for Patients Experiencing Cancer Immunotherapy-related Issues

ACEP has a new point-of-care tool, ImmunoTox, focused on caring for patients who are experiencing adverse events related to cancer immunotherapy. The pathway includes history/physical, testing, management, disposition and immunotherapy pearls. The tool also includes six PDFs for optional download. [Learn more.](#)

Introducing the EM Opioid Advisory Network

Receive clinical guidance, discover tools and resources, and get your questions answered through ACEP's EM Opioid Advisory Network. ACEP's new initiative connects emergency physicians combating the opioid crisis with expert advice on managing Opioid Use Disorder patients presenting in the ED, creating a protocol to initiate buprenorphine, and more. The expert panel is here to help ALL emergency health care professionals, free of charge. [Learn more.](#)

ACEP is seeking comments on a **draft clinical policy for patients with suspected appendicitis**. [Weigh in.](#)

Podcast: Have you checked out the [newest Frontline podcast](#) episode featuring EM physician and astronaut Dr. Thomas Marshburn?

Now Accepting ACEP23 Course Proposals

As we start our countdown to ACEP22 in San Francisco, we're already thinking about ACEP23 in Philadelphia! ACEP's Educational Meetings Subcommittee is now accepting course proposals for the 2023 Scientific Assembly. [Learn more.](#)

In Memoriam: [ACEP remembers emergency medicine pioneer Jim Roberts, MD, FACEP](#). One of the first five board-certified emergency medicine physicians, Dr. Roberts became a household name in our specialty through his authorship of *Clinical Procedures in Emergency Medicine and Acute Care*, a prominent book that printed seven editions.

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

October 1-4: ACEP Scientific Assembly in San Francisco

October 17-22: [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\)](#)

November 11: Last day to submit [ACEP23 course proposals](#)

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