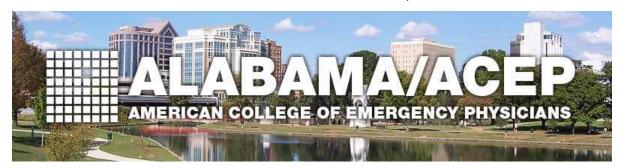
A Newsletter for the Members of the Alabama Chapter - Summer 2023



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As we turn from Summer into fall, we have a lot to recap from the last few months! Our annual meeting at The Emerald Coast Conference was a success. If you have never attended, I would urge you to do so. It is so wonderful getting to see emergency colleagues from all over the Southeast and beyond to not only get educational hours, but also to fellowship together. In an age of technology where you don't have to leave your computer or your phone, it is so imperative that we greet each other in person.

We elected a new secretary-treasurer in Annalise Sorrentino, MD, and a new board member in Robert Schneider, MD. We are glad to have them on board for their term. We have also recently revamped our committees and are looking for members to serve on them. I have listed them below, and if you are interested in serving, please contact me at mmartin@alamedical.org.

Membership & Development Leadership and Advocacy Education Strategic Relationships/ITLS Physician Support/Practice Security I find that fall tends to reset my attitude for the coming months. It gives me a renewed sense of hope and joy. I hope that the fall season is also rejuvenating for each of you.

Sincerely, Meghan Martin Executive Director

EMerald Coast 2023 Re-cap

Attendees from 20 states gathered in Sandestin, Fla., June 5-8, for the regional meeting of emergency medicine providers. Education sessions included topics ranging from patient care, to legal considerations and updates on the state of emergency medicine.

Matthew Delaney, MD, of UAB, gave a presentation on Medicolegal Pearls and Pitfalls



Monday evening featured a welcome reception on the Bayside Patio for attendees, exhibitors and their families.



The always popular Garvey Games, a Jeopardy-style quiz competition with residents from across the southeast, was a big hit with attendees. David Dukes, MD and Elijah Wyatt, MD, from The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Chattanooga, TN were named 2023 SEC ACEP Garvey Games Champions.



Conference attendees had many opportunities in between sessions to visit the Photographic Cases: Podiatric Emergencies from N. McCoin, MD and A. Wellford, MD



Alabama president Hamad Husainy, DO, FACEP, is pictured with sponsors in the conference center. Dr. Husainy will serve until the 2024 annual meeting.



Michael Gerardi, MD, FAAP, FACEP, gave a presentation on Behavioral Health

Emergencies.



The Sam Heard Memorial golf tournament was played on The Links Golf Club at Sandestin. Golf Sponsor, Patrick Brault, rewarding Alden Cartwright for closest to



The 2023 poster completion accepted 20 entries. Winning first place in the research category was Dylana Adams, PGY-1, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her poster title was, "Predicting Neurologically Intact Survival for Advanced Age Adults with Return of Spontaneous



Special thanks to Annalise Sorrentino, MD, and Jaron Raper, MD, for their work in planning the conference. Join us next year at Sandestin beach and golf resort June 3-6, 2024!



SAVE THE DATE

June 3-6, 2024

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WHY I

"I give to ALAPAC because it truly matters who represents us in Montgomery and across the state! Healthcare policy evolves quickly and medicine needs a seat at the table and ALAPAC helps provide that. When laws change, it affects not only us as emergency physicians but also our patients. We must each do our part to support ALAPAC's efforts on our behalf."



Bryan Balentine,



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ACEP Resources & Latest News

ACEP President shares highlights of ACEP victories. In the July issue of ACEP *Now*, Medical Editor in Chief Cedric Dark, MD, FACEP, checks in with ACEP President Chris Kang, MD, FACEP, for the latest on the College's work to address ED boarding, physician burnout, private equity in EM and more. Read more.

Advocacy victory: In a big win for emergency physicians, changes to the surprise billing process are now in the works. We heard your concerns and used our voice to call out extensive flaws in the law's implementation. This is your dues dollars at work. Read more.

Latest updates related to the APP closure: In the wake of American Physician Partners' closing, many members need immediate support. Even if you weren't directly impacted, the changing landscape of healthcare brings uncertainty and ACEP has tools to help.

- Watch our recent <u>legal webinar about job transitions</u> to help with contract decisions.
- Access our new contract toolkit with extensive, members-only FAQs about insurance, contracts and legal issues during career transitions
- Email presidentkang@acep.org if you or a colleague has been affected, and share specific circumstances so ACEP can provide tailored assistance.

Your newest member benefit helps with contract review and negotiations! ACEP's new partnership with Resolve gives you free access to real-time salary data, a contract scorecard to rate any new or existing contract, and updates on the current J-1 waiver cycle. ACEP members also get 20% off additional packages from Resolve. Read more.

Millions in Funding Set for ALTO, MAT Programs. ACEP advocacy resulted in millions of dollars in grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The significant boost for emergency physicianled Alternative to Opioids (ALTO) and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs will help save lives and improve care related to opioid use disorder. ACEP developed and worked to pass the law to establish ALTO and strongly supports MAT expansion, including the recent repeal of the "X-waiver." Read more.

ICYMI, ACEP releases statements on Diversity and CMGs

On July 14, ACEP issued a <u>Policy Statement on the Corporate Practice of Medicine</u>. ACEP believes the physician-patient relationship is the moral center of medicine. The integrity of this relationship must never be compromised.

On July 20, ACEP issued a Joint Statement from EM organizations on efforts to diversify healthcare professionals in the U.S. See all policy statements.

ACEP Grassroots Advocacy

ACEP's ED Visit Program

As part of ACEP's federal advocacy efforts, we aim to have as many legislators as possible visit emergency departments in their communities to see first-hand the inner workings of an ED and those patients seeking care in the ED. Members of Congress rely heavily upon input from their constituents when considering issues and making policy decisions. As the front line of our nation's health care delivery system, emergency physicians are well-positioned to educate legislators on a wide range of issues including patient access, public health concerns, rural and inner-city health issues, and quality of care.

ACEP assists in the scheduling and preparation for these visits, including talking points and tips on coordinating the visit with your hospital staff and administration. For more information about hosting an ED visit for your federal legislator, please contact Jeanne Slade or Liz Demorest in the ACEP Washington, D.C. Office.

NEMPAC Networking Opportunities at ACEP23:

The NEMPAC Board of Trustees is inviting NEMPAC VIP donors to two exclusive events at ACEP23 - don't miss the opportunity to network with ACEP leaders and colleagues who support emergency medicine advocacy!

NEMPAC VIP Donor Reception

When: Sunday, October 8, 6-8 p.m.

Where: The Liberty View at Independence Visitor Center, 599 Market Street,

Philadelphia

How to Receive an Invitation: Donate \$600 (\$365 for transitioning and retired

members, \$60 for residents)

NEMPAC "Give-a-Shift" Donor Lounge

When: Monday, October 9 – Wednesday, October 11, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day

Where: Philadelphia Convention Center, Level 100, Room 117

How to Receive an Invitation: Donate \$1,200 (\$365 for transitioning and retired

members, \$120 for residents)

Donate to NEMPAC by October 4 or during ACEP23 to join us at the Reception and Lounge!

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

Sep. 18: Nominations due for ACEP's Medical Humanities Writing & Visual Arts **Awards**

Oct 9-12: ACEP23 Scientific Assembly, Philadelphia, PA

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