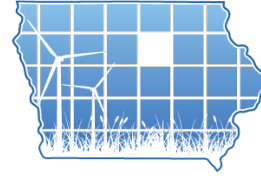


# Iowa ACEP



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## President's Message

**Nicholas H. Kluesner, MD,  
FACEP**

In the spring newsletter I wanted to highlight the upcoming Annual Chapter Meeting, this year held in Iowa City, July 6th (see the newsletter add for the link and more information!). I don't want to try to convince you to come, but instead want to share with you what I've gained from the Annual Chapter Meetings in the past.

The Annual Chapter Meeting has given me an opportunity to visit different cities and people around the state including Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Iowa City, and Davenport recently. As the site moves each year, it seems there are always a few "new faces" that come due to the convenient proximity. I find it affirming meeting a total stranger and having something so integral in common with them – it's like we're all old friends in some ways.

At the same time, there are often many of the same familiar faces, who have now become good friends. It's like an annual reunion of sorts. We catch up on the interval family developments, we debrief the various state-of-the-union situations in our ER's, we inevitably turn our attention to what we want to see changed, and sometimes we even outline a plan to address it.

Nearly every year we have a guest speaker from national ACEP who provides a candid window into the larger scope of emergency medicine issues. It's illuminating, sobering, and encouraging all that the same time. While there is a formal "presentation" prepared, invariably it degenerates into informal Q&A. I enjoy seeing leaders from around the country gain a rapid appreciation for Iowans. Our honesty,

integrity, and generally good nature shines through easily in these conversations – they usually remark on it and ask to be invited back.

I appreciate the opportunity each year to welcome new medical students and residents just starting their careers in emergency medicine. With our organization on display for them, I watch them discover the camaraderie, support, and opportunity that participation brings. They mingle with ER physician leaders from around the state – developing connections and ideas that can shape their careers. I know it did for me.

My wife and I enjoy the unique spectrum of places that the event is held at – NewBo district in CR, the candlelit caverns of Atlas in IC, the Iowa Taproom in DsM, a winery (or two), and didn't one year we have it in a baseball stadium?? With four young boys at home (who chew-up and spit out babysitters regularly), we don't have a refined palate of frequented restaurants – it's always fun to see where the leadership pick. (This year I picked a brewery, hope you aren't disappointed!). Last, and probably least, there was also that one time when the food and drink minimum wasn't met, and as one of the last departing members I walked out with a few bottles of wine. That was a fun surprise perk of attending.

If you've never attended before, you're missing one of the truly great and tangible benefits of membership in Iowa-ACEP. If it's been a while since you mustered the short road trip to the event – let this be the year – we ([myself](#) or [Adriana](#)) are happy to help you identify other interested parties in your area to facilitate a carpool connection. I guess I did degenerate into trying to convince you to come, but it's largely selfish; I want to see and hear about EM practices around the state and meet new colleagues!

We are very excited about this year's Iowa Chapter Annual Meeting, and we hope that you will be a part of it. Please be sure to include the names of all your guests for registration as well.

Open Positions are the Following:

- Secretary
- Board of Director (2-positions)
- Resident Representative (1-DMU/1-UICCM)
- Medical Student Representative (1-DMU/1-UICCM)
- Councillor (1-position)
- Alternate Councillor (3-positions)

If you are interested in a position, please fill out this [form](#), and email your CV [here](#).

[RSVP for the Annual Meeting Here](#).

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Iowa ACEP Chapter Meeting 2023

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**UnityPoint Health  
New Residency**

**Nash Whitaker, MD, FACEP  
Treasurer**

With great excitement I would like to share the good news that Unity Point Health - Des Moines Opens a Newly Accredited EM Residency.

Iowa Methodist Medical Center is proud to announce its newly accredited emergency medicine residency program. Six categorical positions will be offered for this three-year program. Over thirty board-certified, hospital employed, emergency medicine trained physicians will be involved in the training and mentoring of these residents. Professional and individual goals will be met through robust mentorship. Residents will practice in central Iowa's only Level 1 Adult Trauma Center and tertiary care center in downtown Des Moines. They will gain exposure and knowledge of caring for critical children and neonates in Iowa's only Level 2

Pediatric Trauma Center and gain experience and a tremendous grasp of rural medicine in our single physician coverage emergency department in Grinnell Iowa. In a state with a population of 3.2 million, we aim to train resident physicians who will want to practice in Iowa. We will graduate physicians who are thinkers and visionaries, well rounded leaders who will excel in whatever emergency medicine environment they choose. Iowa Methodist Medical Center has given 100% to the dream of this residency.

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### **Leadership & Advocacy Conference Summary**

#### **Stacey M. Marlow, MD, FACEP Immediate Past President**

I had the privilege of representing Iowa and Emergency Physicians at the ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference in Washington DC in May. We had a small group this year, but the impact is still large.



After spending a day brushing up on the current National ACEP healthcare priorities and learning from leaders, we hit the Hill and met with the offices of Senator Grassley, Senator Ernst, and Congresswoman Hinson. As there were not enough of us to meet with all the Iowa Congresspersons, we also left folders at the additional offices for them to review.

We discussed emergency department boarding, workplace violence, and fair pay for physicians to match the Medicare Economic Index. There have been no fee schedule increases for physicians in decades, effectively decreasing our pay by 53% for Medicare patients over the last 30 years when adjusting for inflation. Other healthcare organizations, including hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, have received adjustments to match the MEI during that time, while physician fees have remained stagnant. Congresswoman Marianne Miller-Meeks has cosponsored House bill HR 2474 to address this issue. We encourage you to contact your Legislators and have them sign on to this bill!

We were also able to use our connections through these offices to have personal, behind the scenes, tours of the Capitol, Senate and House buildings and secured tickets to the White House and FBI as well. It was a great experience, and I am excited and rejuvenated for advocacy in Iowa!

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### **Welcome Members!**

A special welcome to the new members of the Iowa 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!

Brandon Wubben, MD  
Alexander M. Johnson (Medical Student)

Torey L. Lasater (Medical Student)  
Rianna L. Reimers (Medical Student)  
Karli R. Smith (Medical Student)

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## FROM NATIONAL ACEP



### Take Action

**Contact Congress about the ED Boarding Crisis.** Our hospital emergency departments (EDs) have reached or are past the breaking point. **Right now, you can urge your legislators to cosponsor** the bipartisan “Improving Mental Health Access from the Emergency Department Act,” (S. 1346). Your voice and your stories are critical in bringing Congress’ attention to the crisis of boarding and making it a priority to find solutions for patients – their constituents. [Click here to take action](#) and [read our press release](#).

**Urge your legislators to cosponsor two bipartisan bills to address violence in the ED:**

- [The "Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act" \(H.R. 2663/S. 1176\)](#)
- [The "SAVE Act" \(H.R. 2584\)](#)

### ACEP Resources & Latest News

**New Indiana Bill Requires Hospital EDs to Have a Physician On Site.** Indiana recently passed legislation that will require every emergency department in the state to have a physician onsite and responsible for the ED. Thanks to the tireless advocacy of Indiana ACEP, patients who need emergency care across the state of Indiana now have reassurance that a physician will be in the emergency department at all hours to provide high quality patient care. [Read more](#).

**As the situation with Envision develops, ACEP is focused on you - the emergency physician.** We continue to monitor the transition closely and will ensure our members are empowered in their next steps. If you need help, [view these resources](#).

**How does advocacy affect reimbursement?** Jordan G. R. Celeste, MD, FACEP, ACEP's RUC Advisor, [gives a helpful overview](#) in this regulatory blog post.

## Press Release: To Improve Mental Health Care, Address the Nation's Emergency Department Boarding Crisis (May 24, 2023)

The American College of Emergency Physicians urges policymakers to address the nation's boarding crisis, reduce excessive delays in care, and prevent avoidable clinical complications, especially for patients with mental health conditions. [READ MORE](#).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the [winners of ACEP's 2023 Leadership & Excellence and Council Awards!](#)

**Have you checked out the new asthma point-of-care tool?** [Asthma Exacerbation in the ED](#), available on acep.org and the ACEP Mobile app, walks through clinical features, pharmacologic treatments, life-threatening presentations, pediatric and pregnant considerations, discharge planning and more.

### New Podcast Episodes:

- [ACEP Nowcast](#) features a wide-ranging interview with ACEP President Chris Kang, MD, FACEP, discussing recent progress on behavioral health, physician wellness, ED violence and more.
- [ACEP Frontline](#) features Dr. Barsotti and Dr. Rozel discussing options for emergency physicians in risk mitigation for gun violence.
- The [Annals of EM podcast](#) covers topics from its May issue, including diagnostic pathways for pulmonary embolisms and the use of femoral doppler in cardiac arrest.

**EngagED has a new look!** [Check out our new homepage hub](#) that makes it easy for you to find the conversations you want to join. It's easier than ever to connect with your ACEP peers.

**Join the Climate & Energy MIG to study and implement ways to decrease the carbon impact of our specialty.** This new group has an interest in combating climate change, decreasing the use of single-use plastics in medicine and those who see the connection between climate change and global health.

**E-QUAL is accepting applications for its venous thromboembolism (VTE) Initiative Technical Expert Panel (TEP).** Share your expertise and passion in both the VTE and Quality Improvement space. Learn more and fill out [this interest form](#).

## Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

**June 21:** [To Start a Medication or Not Start a Medication... That is the Question](#) (webinar)

**June 22:** [Empowering Your Time: Practical Strategies To Do More Of What Matters](#) (AAWEP Summer Webinar Series)

**July 25:** [Last day to apply for the Annals of Emergency Medicine Resident Fellow](#)

**Oct 9-12:** [ACEP23 Scientific Assembly](#), Philadelphia, PA

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