

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

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From the President-Elect

Steve Pecevich, MD

Early in spring 2020, at the height of the initial pandemic panic, I had the unfortunate experience of being diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma. One day you're navigating 12--hour shifts, trying to explain who warrants a test, what to do if patients feel sick, trying to work with infectious disease staff about how to organize the ED for a COVID surge, etc. Then one night after a long day, you feel a painless racquetball lump in your supraclavicular fossa and immediately flash back to those Step 1 days. I restarted my shifts in July 2020 while on treatment. Perhaps a reckless decision pre-vaccine, but I missed my team and our community needed help. I won't lie. It was scary. N95 on at all times, chugged water in the bathroom, then back to patients. I finished my 6 months of chemo and I'm clear now.

Please forgive the humble brag, but I completed an Ironman 70.3 in Boulder, CO this past weekend. It was my first triathlon, and it was not only extraordinarily challenging, but also a blast to finish. Of note, I witnessed and then helped with a crash during the ride. Some people's behaviors that day, however, has been bugging me a bit. About a quarter mile ahead of me on a descent, a rider must have gone over the handlebars, easily 20-30 mph at minimum. I watched multiple riders slowly pass by the racer, essentially ignore the individual, and continue pedaling. This individual had, at minimum, a significant

concussion, a likely facial fracture and several other areas of trauma and bleeding. Canadian and Nexus need not apply.

Fortunately, a support motorcycle approached us after about five minutes and radioed an ambulance. I'll admit that I carried some disdain for the people who essentially ignored us. Were race times really that important? Was it such a big deal to slow down for five minutes and check on a crash? To keep someone company? Then again, they probably could not offer much. And I'm starting to accept that more. If not us, as EM clinicians, then who else? Sure enough, about 15 miles later, a similar situation ensued with another ravine victim, but luckily much less severe. I told the rider in front of me, "On your right!" He barked, "You can't pass on the right! That's a penalty!" (No water bottles were thrown).

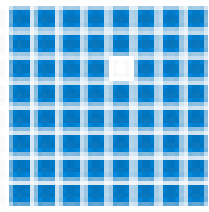
Yawn. Alright, Steve, get to the point. I didn't race for cancer or any specific reason, really. Perhaps just masochism and my friends were doing it. People have asked me if I have a specific charity or pledge where they can donate for my race. I'm not a cancer mascot. Instead, I've politely asked that they convince a loved one, or really anyone, to get vaccinated.

I think my ultimate conclusion is that the race brings quite a bit of tension, and furthermore, these are tense times. We all know we don't make a dime to counsel a patient to reconsider their hesitancy, misinformation, or complete distrust of the vaccine. None of us had a conversation during a residency interview about our excitement to have vaccine discussions with patients. All I ask of you all as EM clinicians is five minutes. Set a timer. Have your charge nurse grab you. Get a call from your tech. But please give five legitimate minutes while sitting down, making eye contact, and being empathetic to someone's concerns. We went into this to save lives. This vaccine saves lives. Don't ignore someone's crash.

Welcome New WY ACEP Members!

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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.

[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.

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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