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Rural America was up front and center at this year's National ACEP Council meeting. Given the 2021 workforce report ([https://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644\(21\)00439-X/fulltext](https://www.annemergmed.com/article/S0196-0644(21)00439-X/fulltext)) which predicts an excess of 7,000 trained emergency medicine physicians by 2030, this is a major issue. It is a major issue playing out actively in Wyoming as well as many other rural states. One of the core issues that ACEP is trying to address is the workforce issues. There were many different viewpoints expressed during the Council, varying from having only emergency medicine trained physicians in all departments, trying to supervise all advanced practice practitioners, to finally working on getting hard data for how rural emergency departments are staffed and their volumes. The College was split as to only supporting emergency medicine residency trained physicians versus focusing on emergency medicine residency trained physicians as team leaders and medical directors. We shall see how future data plays out.

Current ACEP Framework of Workforce Consideration

- Define EM residency standards: raising the bar for patients.
- Ensure business interests do not supersede need of educating the workforce.
- Protect the unique role of emergency physicians.
- Support emergency physicians in all communities, especially rural.
- Increase demand for emergency physician services to meet the evolving community need.

Beyond just the workforce many other concerns were discussed. We spoke about the [Strategic Plan for ACEP](#). Currently there are work groups addressing advocacy, career fulfillment, communication, member engagement, new practice models, personalization of services, resources, and trust. **I give the question back to you - what are you wanting from ACEP? What can Wyoming ACEP do for you?** One other issue that was brought forth was potentially combining the small chapters resources to make the most financial sense. **What are your thoughts on combining our chapter with other small chapters?**

Some of my final thoughts are how to get back to ACEP roots on how to protect our specialty. What are your opinions on addressing the COVID crisis, burnout, workforce, addressing concerns of new-career, mid-career and late-career physicians? I feel the guiding light of ACEP should always be how to best take care of patients and the emergency medicine trained physicians taking care of those patients.

I would also like to introduce the soon to be Wyoming ACEP President Dr. Steve Pecevich. Please join me in welcoming him and congratulating him on his new position!

FROM NATIONAL ACEP



Featured News

"We cannot solve the challenges of our time unless we solve them together"

In her address to the ACEP Council on Oct. 24, 2021, ACEP President Dr. Gillian Schmitz outlined her vision and approach as the College's new leader. [Watch her speech.](#)

EM Physician Workforce of the Future:

- [Emergency Physicians Explore the Future of the Emergency Medicine Workforce](#) (ACEP Now, 10/25/21)
- [2021 Survey of the Emergency Medicine Job Market](#) (ACEP Now, 10/18/21)
- Get the latest workforce updates at www.acep.org/workforce.
- Visit [ACEP's Career Center](#)

Regulatory News:

- [Status Update: ACEP Actions to Push Back Against Flawed No Surprises Act Regulation](#) (11/18/21)
- [Breaking down the Biden Administration's new vaccine mandates: How do they impact you?](#) (11/11/21)
- [Emergency Physicians Call on Biden Administration to Amend Interim Final Rule on Surprise Billing](#) (11/9/21)
- [The 2022 Physician Fee Schedule Final Reg: Highlights and Perspective](#) (11/4/21)

EM Physicians Join Forces to Create Award-Winning COVID-19 Field Guide

In this [video](#), ACEP members tell the origin story of the award-winning [COVID-19 Field Guide](#), a valuable resource that has been utilized by emergency clinicians in more than 160 countries.

Rescue Team Doctor at the Surfside Condo Collapse Shares Experience

In this [ACEP Now article](#), Dr. Benjamin Abo gives a firsthand account of what it was like for the urban search and rescue teams that responded to the Surfside condo collapse. (Plus, get bonus content from Dr. Abo on this month's [ACEP Nowcast](#).)

ACEP Member Benefits

A Checklist to Help You Negotiate The Best Employment Contract

Employment contracts are complex and often difficult to navigate. [This checklist](#) is designed to help you consider all the right questions when reviewing any employment contract you receive.

Legal and Financial Support Services

For just \$15 per year, ACEP members can access Mines & Associates' [legal and financial support assistance](#). This service includes unlimited 30-minute in-person consultation for each individual legal matter, unlimited telephonic 30-minute consultation per financial matter, and 25% discount on select legal and financial services all with MINES network legal and financial professionals.

For more employment contract & job hunt resources, visit [ACEP's Career Center](#)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

Nov. 29-Dec. 4: [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\) Workshop](#)

Dec. 4: Last day to submit your videos for the [TikDoc Challenge](#)

Dec. 16: [Alleviating the Pain: Managing Sickle Cell Patients](#)

Jan. 17-19: [Reimbursement & Coding Conference](#)

Jan. 18: [Advanced EM Ultrasonography Exam Review Course](#)

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