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Wyoming ACEP President

Well, first, it is with tremendous honor to thank Dr. Carol Becker-Wright for her vision, service and guidance as the outgoing Wyoming ACEP President. Although I may have assumed the title now, she and I remain in close contact and she plans on staying involved with our chapter. Yes, although she is now a former colleague, she will forever remain a friend and mentor. Her residents and medical students now surely will see every diagnosis imaginable. Because if you've worked with her, you know if you even ponder a zebra, it will inevitably end up in Carol's zone.

We are currently in discussion with former WWAMI students, the director of the WWAMI program, state representatives, the Wyoming Medical Society and national ACEP leadership to help continue working on issues regarding returning graduates and EM job availability. Towards the end of February, I will be attending the WWAMI Legislative Lunch. Many of my colleagues and I in Cheyenne have a blast teaching first and second year WWAMI medical students on shift for their initial clinical experience. We also frequently travel to Laramie to teach workshops and give formal lectures.

In a few weeks, the Idaho, Nebraska, Montana chapter and I will meet with Dr. Gillian Schmitz, current ACEP President, for a small group discussion. I had the pleasure of meeting her in person during the October conference. She wrote a letter on our behalf regarding the WWAMI issue as of early last December. Her support and interest is greatly appreciated. With one councilor and one alternate, we might be the smallest chapter, but we still have outstanding support from the national leadership.

Regarding this upcoming meeting, I ask you all to give me your questions and concerns. What is the biggest problem facing your Department? What is your staffing situation like? Which COVID treatments does your Department use? What policies is your practice or hospital using for sick employees? Have you heard from WWAMI graduates seeking employment?

I'm most easily reached by text or phone call. Unfortunately, due to a recent injury, I am now more of a patient than clinician for the coming weeks. As a result, I'm around! This newsletter is published on our public WY ACEP website, so I'd rather not put my personal number on blast. But please reach out to Rochelle Ross at wy.chapter@acep.org via email to get my number and hit me up!

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FROM NATIONAL ACEP



ACEP Resources & Latest News

Black History Month: Don't miss this week's *Frontline* episode featuring [Dr. Ray Johnson and Dr. Sandra Coker discussing their experiences](#) working in EM. Dr. Coker founded the Black Girl White Coat nonprofit, and Dr. Johnson's been a leader in EM for more than 30 years. Find more BHM22 resources related to this year's theme, [Black Health & Wellness](#).

Get New [Point-of-Care Tools](#) in emPOC App

Advocacy:

South Dakota scored an important [scope of practice victory](#) (2/23/22)

[ACEP applauds the Texas court ruling](#) that the No Surprises Act implementation fails to follow the letter of the law. The concerns validated by this ruling are some of those shared by ACEP, ASA and ACR in a [separate lawsuit](#) currently in a Chicago district court (2/24/22). Amplify on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#).

- **The No Surprises Act:** [What You Need to Know](#)

ACEP Applauds Passage of Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act: On Feb. 17, 2022, the Senate passed the ACEP-supported "[Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act](#)" (H.R. 1667) by voice vote. It now heads to President Biden for his signature into law. [Read the full press release](#) and [additional background](#) about ACEP's efforts to develop and progress this bill through the legislative process.

ACEP and EMRA Send Workforce Statement to Senate HELP

Committee: ACEP partnered with EMRA to submit a statement for the record for a Senate HELP Committee hearing on workforce shortages (2/11/22). [Read more](#)

Regulatory Updates:

- [ACEP Provides Feedback on New Emergency Medicine Cost Measure](#) (2/24/22)
- [CDC Releases Long-Awaited Revised Opioid Prescribing Guideline: Open for Public Comment](#) (2/17/22)
- [The Flip Side of the Coin: A Look at the Increase in Health Insurer Consolidation](#) (2/10/22)
- [Update on ACEP Actions to Address Physician Mental Health Needs and Wellbeing](#) (2/3/22)
- [Recent Federal Efforts to Address Provider Consolidation](#) (1/27/22)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

March 8: Deadline to apply for [ACEP Leadership Awards](#)
April 11-12: [Virtual Advanced Pediatric EM Assembly](#)
April 1 – May 31: [ED Directors Academy, Phase I](#)
April 15: Deadline to apply for [ACEP Teaching Awards](#)
May 1-3: [Leadership & Advocacy Conference](#)
May 15: Deadline to apply for [ACEP committee involvement](#)
May 18: Deadline for submissions to the [ACEP22 Research Forum](#)
May 23-25: [SIM Training Course](#)

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