From the President
Jeffrey Goodloe, MD, NRP, FACEP

As I’m writing this, I’m reminded (gently) that today is the deadline for newsletter articles. I’ve been thinking quite a bit since the last newsletter about what I want to share with our incredible OCEP members. Sometimes the most useful words we can share are those of others. With that in mind, I’d like to direct you to two very important resources and a bonus third if you will be attending ACEP17 in Washington D.C., held October 29 – November 1 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Firstly, while we continuously provide 24/7/365 essential medical services without regard to anything (payor status, shirt status, shoe status… you get the idea), we are often subject to a widely held myth that we provide some of the most expensive care in the United States. We are in an era of working diligently to achieve the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s “Triple Aim” of improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction), improving the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of health care. Most of what we concentrate on in our day-to-day clinical practices is improving the health of individuals, and by extension, populations. Most of what governmental, financial, and administrative leaders concentrate on is cost reduction.
The next time anyone you want to help educate about emergency medicine’s finances brings up the expense of our specialty, share this particularly well written article from Becker’s Hospital Review.

Secondly, though always firstly in your daily and nightly lives, is your personal safety and the safety of your colleagues. Sadly, we know that violence directed at healthcare professionals can occur in any Emergency Department at any time. It is an atrocity that every day in Oklahoma Emergency Department nurses, techs, and physicians are verbally and physically assaulted in the commission of caring for others. While some situations are medically understandable with causations including hypoglycemia, cerebral hemorrhage, stroke, and seizure just to name a few, most situations are willful and wanton on the aggressor’s part.

National ACEP has developed some very important resources that I specifically want you to know about. All the elements of Emergency Department safety collectively created and garnered by ACEP members and leaders can be accessed here. Please, please for your safety, your colleague’s safety, and on behalf of the many who care about you, digest this potentially and literally life-saving information. Encourage your work partners to do so, too. The life they can save may be yours.

Finally, here’s the bonus part for those OCEP members that are D.C. bound in late October: following in the OCEP Social Function at ACEP started last year in Las Vegas, I’m pleased to announce that your OCEP Board of Directors will be hosting you on Monday, October 30th from 1730-1830 at Cuba Libre, located at 801 9th St NW Ave. We’ll have many libation choices and excellent tapas for your enjoyment as a part of your OCEP membership. No RSVP is necessary, just come and network with your Oklahoma colleagues and enjoy some Havana-inspired culinary treats.

Thank you for all you do. The entire OCEP Board of Directors joins me in being continually grateful for your career commitments in the clinical care of patients, medical oversight of EMS and disaster services (particularly timely given the devastation in Houston on going to press day), special event medical support, EM administrative duties, residency and medical school education – providing or receiving, and every other venue in which you are involved. It’s a privilege and honor to serve you in OCEP.
ACEP assists DMAT teams as they prepare to respond to Hurricane Harvey

Rick Murray, EMT-P
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ACEP was pleased to furnish classroom space over the weekend of August 26 to DMAT teams from several states that were staged before they deployed. MN Chapter Executive Shari Augustine, who is a member of the MN DMAT, contacted ACEP staff to inquire of the possibility of using the ACEP Board Room for training for the various teams. Space was provided for training for over 240 members for DMAT teams and U. S. Public Health Service personnel. This provided them the opportunity to receive some last-minute training and briefings before they deployed to various areas of the Texas coast that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey.
ACEP has a lot of resources for the public about preparing for and surviving disasters and they are being promoted to general public audiences.

Also, here are some general talking points about responding to disasters. They can helpful in talking with the news media.

**National Disaster and Life Support Foundation**

The National Disaster Life Support Foundation is very pleased to have partnered with the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) to provide disaster medicine training and to further develop the NDLS education materials.

The NDLS program began in the late 1990’s with a realization that there was a lack of standardized training for medical and nursing providers who may be responding to disasters. Individuals were medically trained within their specialty to the same National Standard, however disaster specific education was not included in the majority of medical and nursing curricula. Examples of the missing material included:

- Scene safety
- Standardized triage methodology
- Incident Management
- Identifying and requesting needed resources
- What constitutes a disaster
- Public Health impact of disasters

The NDLSF established an affiliated membership-based organization for the purpose of overseeing the development and revision of the curriculum. This organization is the National Disaster Life Support Education Consortium (NDLSEC).

The NDLSEC Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with ACEP’s 2017 Annual Scientific Assembly in Washington, D.C., October 29 – November 1, 2017.
**White Coat Day on Capitol Hill at ACEP17**

Decisions made by Congress influence the practice and the future of emergency medicine on a daily basis. Join your emergency physician colleagues in Washington, DC on November 1 and spread the word to legislators and their staff about the critical role of emergency physicians in our nation's health care delivery system. White Coat Day participants will be asked to attend a special advocacy training session prior to heading to Capitol Hill. Transportation will be provided and all participants will receive a customized schedule and materials to share in the meetings.

There is no fee to participate but advanced registration is required. Participants can sign-up as with their ACEP17 registration or may sign-up separately if not registered for ACEP17. Go to **White Coat Day** for more information or contact **Jeanne Slade** in the ACEP DC Office.
Register for White Coat Day at ACEP17!

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT CAPITOL HILL WITH YOUR EM COLLEAGUES WHILE IN WASHINGTON, DC

Spread the word about the critical role of emergency physicians in the health care delivery system

ACEP staff will schedule your visits in advance. Participants will receive advocacy training prior to the visits. Transport to and from Capitol Hill is provided. Please bring your white coat!

Advanced registration is required. Participants can sign-up with ACEP17 registration or may register separately if not attending ACEP17.

WWW.ACEP.ORG/ACEP17/HILLDAY

ACEP17 Wellness Activities and Resource Center Giveaways

Wellness & ACEP Resource Center
Sunday, October 29 - Tuesday, October 31
Location: Exhibit Hall
Stop by the wellness center in the ACEP Resource Center of the exhibit hall and discover tips from the experts to improve your well being daily. [View full list of activities and schedule.](#)

**Product Giveaways**
Held daily in the Resource Center

Sunday – PEER
PEER one-year membership
PEER Print Companion

Monday – CDEM
Trauma special edition
2-year print
One-year Residency Education Portal

Tuesday – ACEP eCME
My Residency Learning Portal
Trauma, Stroke, Cardiovascular bundle
Procedures and skills course
Featured guest on ACEP Frontline

**Articles of Interest in *Annals of Emergency Medicine***

*Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP*
ACEP Associate Executive Director, Practice, Policy and Academic Affairs

ACEP would like to provide you with very brief synopses of the latest articles in Annals of Emergency Medicine. Some of these have not appeared in print. These synopses are not meant to be thorough analyses of the articles, simply brief introductions. Before incorporating into your practice, you should read the entire articles and interpret them for your specific patient population. [Read More](#)

**No Emergency Department is Immune from Violence**
But you can be better prepared and reduce the risk of harm to your patients, your staff, and yourself. You can implement security measures, changes in your processes and policies, education and training, and attention to design details. Learn how with these new free resources from ACEP, all in one place, easy to find -- **Violence in the Emergency Department: Resources for a Safer Workplace**

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**Welcome New Members**

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