

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

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**From the Louisiana ACEP President
Mike Smith, MD, MBA, FACEP**

What's up, everyone? Anything been going on lately? As we've all dealt with the 4th COVID-19 surge in the state of Louisiana, our emergency departments and hospitals have swelled with patients. It's been a challenge but one we have met before and will continue to do. Please make sure you are maintaining the time to care of yourself and your families. Keep encouraging vaccination – it's our only way to get out of this without the loss of life from the disease "burning through," the population. While encouraging vaccination, please try to not let the contrarians get to you (see the first point about maintaining your mental health). Jazz Fest, Mardi Gras, and endless concerts and shows need to come back eventually, right? Right?

We are reassured that the scope of practice bills did not progress further in Louisiana. The nurse practitioner independent practice did not garner enough votes to pass. **This was the result of grassroots effort by other physician specialties, the Louisiana State Medical Society, the LA ACEP board, and other individual emergency physicians.** >>[READ MORE](#)

2021 Leadership and Advocacy Conference Update

Blake Denley, MD

Twelve Louisiana physicians joined our Emergency Medicine colleagues in Washington D.C. July 25-27 for ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy conference. There were three main priorities we learned about and discussed with senators and representatives—Mental Health Support for Healthcare Workers, Medication-Assisted Treatment in Opioid Use Disorder, and the Impending Medicare Payment Cuts. >>[READ MORE](#)

Councilor Update

Debbie Fletcher, MD, FACEP

Louisiana Chapter ACEP Secretary, Councilor

Hello Louisiana ACEP Chapter!

First of all, thank you for being a member. Our collective goal is to promote emergency medicine physicians and top-notch emergency care to all. I echo Dr. Mike Smith, our chapter president, in telling you that LA ACEP is very active as a chapter in promoting our profession. We have submitted 11 resolutions for ACEP council this year - out of about 60ish total (last I heard). Our small chapter basically submitted 17-20 percent of the national ACEP resolutions!! Many of them are focused on workforce issues and scope of practice. We have a super board, and many avenues for all to get involved. We are hoping to be in council live in Boston in October and are planning to have a fun Monday night Saints football watch party at a local sports bar - location TBA. [Sign up for ACEP 21!!](#) >>[READ MORE](#)

Present Moment

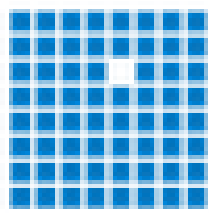
Louisiana ACEP is proud to have Dr. Jay Kaplan, past President of ACEP, as one of our members. He is currently an EM educator, mentor, and physician motivator, and lives in New Orleans. He has written a poem for healthcare workers, entitled "[Present Moment](#)". Thank you, Dr. Kaplan, for putting these feelings into words.

Welcome New Members!

Noor Awad, MD
Lauren Baum, MD
William Bidwell, MD
Kasha J Bornstein, MD
Sancia E Bredy, MD
Morgan Bryant, MD
Nicholas Buffin

Kelsey Byrd, DO
Matthew J Callahan, MD
Michael A Cerjance, MD
Nhat Bang Chau, MD
Elizabeth Clement, MD
Angela Pettit Cornelius, MD, FACEP
Douglas Cushner, MD
Cody Holton Davis, MD
Payton Davis, MD
Joshua DeBlieux, MD
Apre Dixon-Gleaves, MD
Tiffani Doan, DO
Michael Joseph Donald, MD
Brian Doss, MD
Steven Durham, MD
Joshua Richard Edmunds, DO
Alyssa Victoria Gonzales, MD
Bhargavesh Gottam, MD
Sean Jeffrey Gruen, MPH
Luke G Guillot, MD, FACEP
Colby Regan Hansen
Jodi Hardy, MD
John J Hogan, MD
Jasmine S Holmes, MD
Taylor Jeansonne
Billy Wayne Jefferson, Jr, DO
Alvin Jose, DO
Jamie Hoitien Do Kuo, MD
Elizabeth Ann LaRosa, MD
Karly Lebherz, MD
Randy Leung, DO
Kelly Maiche, MD
Nathaniel Mattison, MD
Martin R McManus
Brady M Milanes
Ella Hadley Modeen
Sara Muramoto, MD
Marshall R Naquin, MD
John Nguyen, MD
Jacob A Noel, MD
Nathan Michael Novotny
Amanda M Ritchie, MD
Joy Rosenblatt
Donna Shuka Saffaei, MD
Daniel Samet
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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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