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President's Message **Matthew Neal, MD**

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the cooler fall weather.

Emergency medicine has seen a great deal of change over the past few months with the implementation of the No Surprises Act and subsequent billing disputes with insurers in our state and others. Our chapter has been very active in discussions with multiple stakeholders regarding this issue and we continue to work towards a solution that will be fair to both physicians and patients.

Another major change to the legal landscape in Tennessee occurred with the implementation of SB 1257, also known as the Human Life Protection Act. The law is controversial in that it illegalizes all abortions in Tennessee, with no explicit exception for rape, incest or the life of the mother. We are currently working with multiple other medical societies to advocate for changes to the law to ensure that it includes adequate protections for both patients and providers.

In other news, I want to extend a note of congratulations to [Rebecca Martin, MD, PhD](#), who was just selected to the ACEP Young Physicians Leadership Society! Well done Dr. Martin!

In closing, please note that our Chapter Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 10AM-12PM by Zoom, during which we will hold elections for multiple Chapter Board positions. Please make time to attend if you are able. For details on how to join the virtual meeting, [reach out](#).

2022 Emerald Coast Chapters Candidate Forum
John H. Proctor, MD, MBA, FACEP

TCEP hosted the third annual Emerald Coast Chapters' candidate forum on August 30, 2022. Dr. John Proctor served as forum facilitator. For the third straight year, the forum enjoyed 100% participation by candidates for the ACEP Board of Directors, Council Vice-Speaker (in applicable years), and ACEP President-Elect leadership roles.



Nine ACEP chapters participated this year: Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, and Tennessee.

In this forum, each candidate for the ACEP Board of Directors and Council Vice-Speaker roles receives a scheduled 15-minute time slot, and the President-Elect candidates receive 20 minutes. Questions are posed to each candidate in a round robin format, with each participating chapter queued up in random order. The candidates are allowed time for brief opening and closing statements.

This year's forum agenda appears below:

I. Welcome John Proctor, MD, MBA, FACEP

II. National ACEP Board Candidates Discussions

Ryan Stanton, MD, FACEP (incumbent - KY)
Gabor D. Kelen, MD, FACEP (incumbent - MD)
Jeffrey F. Linzer, Sr., MD, FACEP (GA)
William B. Felegi, DO, FACEP (NJ)

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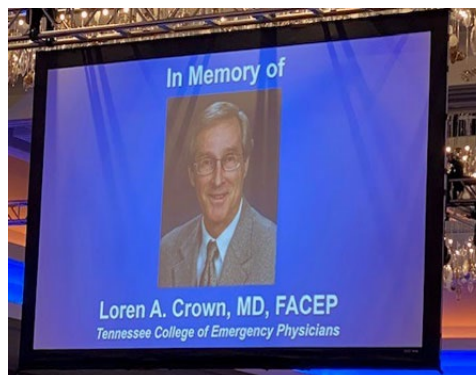
Jeffrey M. Goodloe, MD, FACEP (incumbent - OK)
Henry Pitzele, MD, FACEP (IL)
Kristen McCabe-Kline, MD, FACEP (FL)
President-Elect Candidate (Unopposed)
Aisha T. Terry, MD, MPH, FACEP (DC)

III. Questions/Comments/Concerns & Adjournment

The follow-up survey of chapter participants found similar responses from the two prior years. The Emerald Coast Chapters' candidate forum provides fair and equitable access to the candidates, is a key driver of chapter leaders' selection of candidates for ACEP national office and should be held again next year.

Memorial: Loren A. Crown, MD

RESOLVED, That the American College of Emergency Physicians remembers with honor and gratitude the accomplishments and contributions of a gifted emergency physician Loren A. Crown, MD and extends condolences and gratitude to his wife, Elaine Kathleen Ellis, family and friends for his service to the specialty of emergency medicine and to patient care.



From Left to Right: Dr. Neal, Dr. Herman and Dr. Mendiratta

ACEP's Award Luncheon

This year during ACEP's Council Meeting the Award Luncheon was held at the Hilton Union San Francisco on Friday, September 30th. During the luncheon, awards were issued such as the Council Service Milestone Award, Teamwork Award, Horizon Award, Diversity & Inclusion Award, Curmudgeon Award, and Meritorious Service Award.

[Read more here.](#)



From Left to Right: Dr. Mendiratta, Dr. McClelland (GSACEP), Dr. Herman, Dr. Proctor, Dr. Neal, Dr. Holbert, and Dr. McGowen (GSACEP).

National Emergency Medicine PAC

TCEP Councillors reached 100% participation in the annual NEMPAC Council Challenge at ACEP22 in October thanks to the support of Dr. Matthew Neal and Dr. Sanford Herman (pictured here) and Drs. John Proctor, Kenneth Holbert, Sudave Mendiratta, and Sullivan Smith.



From Left to Right: Dr. Neal and Dr. Herman

Emergency medicine's involvement in the 2022 midterm elections through NEMPAC was a resounding success with 96% of NEMPAC-supported House candidates and 95% of NEMPAC-supported Senate candidates winning their races!

The NEMPAC Board of Trustees carefully vetted hundreds of candidates with the help of members, ACEP chapter leaders, and staff. Thanks to individual donations from ACEP members, NEMPAC had the resources to support the congressional campaigns of many friends and champions of emergency medicine who we helped return to Congress or who will become new members in January. TN federal candidates supported by NEMPAC included Sen. Marsha Blackburn, Rep. Mark Green, MD, and Rep. Diana Harshbarger.

NEMPAC's involvement will make a difference in the 118th Congress when emergency medicine will look for help on critical issues like Medicare reimbursement cuts, boarding and violence in our emergency departments, and protecting the future of our specialty amidst scope and workforce challenges.

[ACEP members' support of NEMPAC is essential](#) to help educate the 118th Congress about the realities emergency physicians across the country are facing on the front lines and to build new and stronger relationships on Capitol Hill.

Congratulations!



Join us in congratulating a new FACEP!

Stanton Elseroad, MD, FACEP

Dr. Elseroad is also a new member of the Chapter Education Committee. He will be help plan future conferences that will provide CME for members across the state of Tennessee. We are grateful for his contribution to Emergency Medicine and the chapter.

Welcome Members!

A special welcome to the new members of the Tennessee Chapter and to those that renewed their membership. Please [reach out](#) if you would like to become involved at the chapter level, including leadership opportunities.

We are excited to have you!

Alaina Netto	Anthony Dikhtyar
Anthony M Sanders, DO	Chris Etchells, MD
Ilsa Zahara Saeed	Lillith Chun Yue Bulawa
Matthew Thomas Scott	Paige Eden Koetter, MD
Prisha Patel	Ryan M. Scarborough
Vince Blaire Binondo	William Colby Downs

FROM NATIONAL ACEP

ACEP Resources & Latest News

ED Boarding: Advocacy on the Front Lines: ACEP launched an [advocacy and public awareness campaign](#) to sound the alarm on the ED boarding crisis.

- The campaign centers around more than [100 boarding stories](#) sent in by ACEP members that paint a picture of the grim situation in many EDs across the country.
- Your stories formed the heart of the [letter ACEP sent to the White House](#) on Nov. 7, cosigned by 34 health care and patient advocate organizations.
- In [the latest regulatory blog](#), ACEP Senior Vice President for Advocacy & Practice Affairs Laura Wooster provides a progress report on these efforts and previews next steps.
- ACEP continues to collect stories. [Submit yours via this anonymous form](#).
- Visit our new [ED Boarding resource page](#) to view the stories, read the advocacy letter and get talking points on the issue.

Prepare for the potential pediatric tripledemic: ACEP's Pediatric EM Committee has pulled together some resources to help.

- [The Pediatric Tripledemic: How to Survive](#) presented by Annalise Sorrentino, MD, FACEP
- [Managing RSV and Bronchiolitis](#) presented by Christopher Amato, MD, FACEP, and Jessica Wall, MD, FACEP
- [Managing Difficult Pediatric Airways](#): In this episode of ACEP Frontline, Dr. Al Sacchetti reviews the approach and management of difficult pediatric airways.

CMS Finalizes Requirements for Rural Emergency Hospitals: Will any Hospitals Convert to this New Facility-type Next Year? In Regs & Eggs this week, [get ACEP's analysis of the final REH policies](#) and whether they will improve access to care.

The 2023 Physician Fee Schedule Final Reg-- Highlights and Analysis: Two major Medicare final rules were recently released, including the 2023 Physician Fee Schedule that has a big impact on reimbursement. ACEP's regulatory team analyzed 3,000+ pages of content and wrote [a special edition of Regs & Eggs](#).

New Data Underscores Cost and Health Outcome Concerns with Independent Practice: We know that everyone on an emergency care team is integral and valued. But our experience shows that nobody else has the training or expertise of an emergency physician. As lawmakers and administrators evaluate whether to empower nurse practitioners and physician assistants beyond the scope of their training, new data from Stanford University reinforces our reservations about exposing non-physician practitioners to responsibility they are not prepared to assume. [Read more in the November ACEP Board Blog](#).

Childcare challenges + solutions: ACEP's Young Physicians Section convened a panel of YPs who utilize au pairs, nannies, at-home daycares and more. [View the episode and related resources](#).

Dangerous toys? ACEP's smart phrase library has a new addition related to consumer product safety to help with reporting injuries from commercial products. [View all smart phrases](#).

ACEP4U: Making it Easier to Find Your Crew with [ACEP's New Member Interest Groups!](#)

Honor Outstanding Medical Students with ACEP/EMRA Awards: Make sure standout students get recognized for going above and beyond! The deadline is Jan. 8 to nominate a 4th year EM-bound medical student for the ACEP/EMRA National Outstanding Medical Student Award. [Learn more.](#)

EMF Grant Cycle is Open, Set to Award \$1.5 Million in Funding: Get those grant applications ready! The Emergency Medicine Foundation is set to award \$1.5 million in grants, with opportunities covering a wide range of critical EM research topics. This cycle includes seven new grant categories. [Apply by Jan. 20, 2023.](#)

From the CDC: CDC Releases 2022 Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain: The new CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain—United States, 2022 (2022 Clinical Practice Guideline) provides 12 evidence-based recommendations for primary care and other clinicians who provide pain care, including those prescribing opioids, for outpatients aged 18 years and older with acute, subacute and chronic pain. [Read more on the CDC's website.](#)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

Dec. 14: [Virtual Grand Rounds: Advanced Ultrasound-Guided Nerve Blocks](#)

Jan. 8: Deadline to nominate a 4th year EM-bound medical student for the [ACEP/EMRA National Outstanding Medical Student Award](#)

Jan. 17: [The Nuts and Bolts of Physician Reimbursement 2023](#)

Jan. 20: [Deadline to Apply for an EMF Grant](#)

March 31-April 3: [ACEP's Advanced Pediatric EM Assembly](#)

April 13-15: [EM Basic Research Skills, Session II](#)

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