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President's Message - January 2019



*Jeff Pothof, MD, FACEP
WACEP President*

Dear WACEP members,

Thank you for everything you do day in and day out to ensure our communities, our families, and our patients in Wisconsin and beyond have access to great emergency care. I'm humbled to be your president and commit to working hard to ensure you are supported in your professional practice and that we, collectively, advocate for high quality emergency medical care.

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to all of you. My hope is that during the next year I'll be able to meet many of you in person through our mutual involvement in the things that matter most to us as emergency physicians. I grew up in Randolph, a small town in rural Wisconsin. I attended Edgewood College and subsequently the UW School of Medicine and Public Health for my doctorate degree. I completed residency at the University of Michigan. While in Ann Arbor I finished a medical education scholars program in healthcare administration and served as chief resident during my fourth year of residency. [Read more](#)

A Shift in Focus: Perspectives of an Early Career Emergency Physician



*Jamie Schneider, MD
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As the end of residency nears I have noticed a subtle shift in my education. Until recently, I had been focused on how to treat patients; medical school taught me disease and diagnosis and the broad strokes, and the first years of residency honed my treatment of crashing patients and worried well.

It's only in the last year that I've really started learning what it means to be a physician in the real world. This includes billing workshops, applying for jobs, reviewing contracts, and engaging in philosophical discussions on management of our profession.

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To this end, I had the awesome opportunity to join the WACEP delegation at the ACEP 2018 Annual Meeting last fall as an alternate delegate. Where the ACEP Scientific Assembly adds to our education and tools for treating patients, the Annual Meeting gives us a venue to shape the practice and profession of Emergency Medicine. [Read more.](#)

Legislative Update, January 2019

Eric Jensen, Jensen Government Relations

After what feels like a never-ending election cycle, the 2019-20 Session of the Wisconsin Legislature is finally under way. Dominating early news following the election: Governor Tony Evers' victory in November changes the partisan political dynamic in Madison for the first time in nearly a decade. While Republicans maintained wide majorities in both the Assembly and Senate, they do not have sufficiently large majorities to override gubernatorial vetoes on their own, meaning as a general rule legislation will need bipartisan support to ensure passage. [Read more.](#)

MAT in the ED

A recent [article in the USA Today](#) quoted WACEP leader Bobby Redwood, MD, MPH, FACEP, and highlighted over a year of work being done by Wisconsin ACEP, the Wisconsin Hospital Association, and other organizations in regards to initiating Medication Assisted Treatment (Buprenorphine), in the Emergency Department. [Read more.](#)

Call for Nominations - Distinguished Service Award

Wisconsin ACEP's Distinguished Service Award Program annually recognizes a WACEP member who has demonstrated exceptional service to Wisconsin ACEP and/or made a significant contribution toward the advancement of emergency medicine in Wisconsin. All nominees must be WACEP members. Submissions are due March 1st. [Submit a nomination](#) today!

WACEP Spring Symposium & Wisconsin EM Research Forum - Register Today!

Approved for up to 10.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™], the WACEP 2019 Spring Symposium & 27th Annual WI Emergency Medicine Research Forum will take place April 3-4 at the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. Conference highlights include:

- MAT/Waiver Training Overview (separately accredited for 1.0 credit hours)
- ALTO Workshop including EM Pathways and Hands-on Techniques
- Emergency Ultrasound Workshop
- Keynote Addresses by Paul Kivela, MD, ACEP's Immediate Past President; Daniel Spaitte, MD, leading



international EMS researcher and expert in the treatment of TBI; and Richard Cantor, MD, national researcher and educator in emergency pediatric medicine and toxicology.

- Rapid fire sessions on Sex Trafficking, Ultrasound during Cardiac Arrest, and much more!

View full conference details and [register online](#) today!

Midwest Medical Student Symposium & Residency Fair

Med Students! If you're considering Emergency Medicine for residency the Midwest Medical Student Emergency Medicine Symposium is for you! We know the residency match process can be overwhelming. That's why Wisconsin-ACEP is teaming up with the MCW and UW Emergency Medicine Residency Programs to co-sponsor the event alongside Ohio and Michigan Chapters of ACEP, EMRA, and some of the top residency programs from around the country. [Read more.](#)

2019 Webinar Series on Physician Resilience

A monthly webinar series, Health Care Workforce Resilience, jointly sponsored by the Wisconsin Medical Society and the Wisconsin Hospital Association, is offered the second Tuesday of each month throughout 2019. Each month will focus on a unique topic. Participants will receive one hour of continuing education credit, as well as practical and easy-to-implement tools for dealing with burnout in health care. [Read more.](#)

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