



Thanks for Giving on Thanksgiving



WACEP President's Message, November 2020
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Remember back in March when it seemed you couldn't go through a shift without your department receiving pizza, cupcakes, or some other treat from well-wishers? Emergency physicians, nurses, and other staff were being hailed as heroes despite our mostly empty departments.

These days, that sort of praise and support feels a distant memory. As we enter this new phase of the pandemic where Emergency Departments are being asked to treat more and more COVID patients in addition to the myriad of health conditions brought on by delayed treatments, limited access to specialists, and prolonged social isolation, it seems we have fallen out of the public eye.

To be honest, I was never comfortable with all the hero talk. Emergency Physicians were working in the trenches before this pandemic began and we'll keep on trucking right through it and beyond. We don't do it for the plaudits. We do it because we have the skill, we have the drive, and most of all, because we care about our patients, and we care about our communities.

So, while we may not be front and center in the minds of our communities anymore, we will keep giving back. To that end, I wanted to share a few of my favorite charities in case you were looking for even more ways to give back to your community.

[Child's Play](#): This charity gives games and toys to hospitalized children to make their stay in the hospital less daunting. You can either give monetarily or order directly off of the Amazon Wish lists curated by Child Life Specialists at your Children's Hospital of Choice.

[Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra](#): Supporting musically-inclined children and teens from across the state, this group

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provides opportunities to perform and high-quality lessons (even remotely during COVID) to diverse and low-resource aspiring young musicians.

[Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin](#): Every emergency physician recognizes the stress and difficulty that dementia can put on a family. This group offers support, education, and advocacy for patients and their families.

By no means are these the only worthwhile charities in our communities – I encourage you to find something near and dear to your heart. This year has been hard on all of us, and I can't think of a better way to continue to support the communities we serve. So thank you all for the dedicated work you have put in over the course of this year, and thank you for continuing to give to support those who need it most during these difficult times.

Call to the Masters of Patient Flow: Consider transfer to the COVID Alternate Care Facility from the ED



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"I love it here," my patient at the Alternate Care Facility ([ACF](#)) said, and if I hadn't been wearing a respirator, my jaw may have dropped. Since my EM group staffs the ACF, I knew the quality of care would be excellent. However, I didn't expect the patients to feel so relaxed and comfortable in the middle of a state fair exposition center.

During my recent first shift working at the ACF, I saw patients who were happy to come from overwhelmed hospitals to receive expert care, provided by warmly attentive staff, in a surprisingly relaxing environment. If open inpatient beds are disappearing and ED holds are growing at your shop, I hope the details of my experience working at the ACF help you to convey the benefits of transfer to the ACF to your next patient with COVID.

After being propped up by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Spring, the ACF was activated on October 16th to serve as an overflow facility for Wisconsin.

[Read more.](#)



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Wisconsin ACEP Congratulates Five New FACEPs

Established almost 40 years ago, the designation of Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physician (FACEP) is earned by those committed to the preservation and growth of emergency medicine.

The Wisconsin Chapter, ACEP congratulates five members who have achieved FACEP status and were recognized during ACEP20:

- Bradley Burmeister, MD, FACEP
- Abigail Dahlberg, MD, FACEP
- Andrew Fischer Dean, MD, FACEP
- Theodore F Elsaesser, MD, FACEP
- Joshua C. Timpe, MD, FACEP

WACEP is proud to honor these five members who now join 190 other emergency physicians in Wisconsin who hold this distinction, point of pride and badge of honor. Congratulations.

Pediatric Trauma & Burn Update - Dec. 11 Webinar

[Join WACEP](#) at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 11 for a lunch & learn webinar on the management of pediatric trauma and burns, during which we will focus on these challenging presentations in rural and low-resource departments.

Hear from experts Dr. Jennifer Roberts, Trauma Surgeon at Marshfield Clinic Health System, and Mark Johnston, RN, BSN, Manager of the Burn Program at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, on the best approach to these children and the best ways to prepare these patients for transport to pediatric care centers.

After the presentations, there will be time for questions and discussion on these important topics. We hope to see you there!

[Register Here](#)

WACEP Joins "Stop the COVID Spread!" Coalition

Wisconsin is facing a COVID-19 crisis, and our state MUST come together to help stop community spread. More public awareness is urgently needed about the seriousness of the pandemic and the critical need for preventative measures.

Wisconsin ACEP is proud to be a supporter of “Stop the Covid Spread!”, a coalition of Wisconsin’s leading health care, business, and advocacy organizations as well as individuals who have joined together to urge the public to take preventative measures seriously so that we can all continue to safely participate in Wisconsin’s economy. Learn more about what you can do through the [coalition](#).

UW Grad Vogel Receives ACEP Medical Student Award

Savannah Vogel, a 2020 graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, was recognized by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) for her excellence in compassionate care of patients, professional behavior and service to the community and/or specialty.

Vogel was a recipient of the National Medical Student Professionalism and Service Award, and was officially announced as part of the 2020 Awards Ceremony during ACEP20.

Save-the-Date! Spring Symposium

Thursday, April 8, 2021
Virtual WACEP Spring Symposium &
Annual Emergency Medicine Research Forum

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for great educational and networking opportunities. Details coming soon!

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