

XYZ Chapter Update

A Newsletter for the Members of XYZ ACEP



From the President John Smith, MD, FACEP

Welcome to the first issue of the ACEP Chapter electronic newsletter. We are very excited to offer this new member service.

This newsletter will provide the opportunity for your chapter leaders to keep you up to date on the important state issues that affect you. We also hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to communicate with us and give us your opinions on the initiatives and activities we are working on. Whether it is a bill in the state Legislature capping liability awards, or questions about our upcoming chapter meeting, we want to hear from you.

We are also looking for members to become more involved in Chapter activities. Our goal is to raise the profile of emergency medicine to the public, state policymakers, and other state medical organizations. Work with us and help us advance emergency medicine in our state.

Please contact me at chapter@acep.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Chapter Update

Special Session

The Chapter has been busy preparing for the upcoming special legislative session convened by Gov. Bill Billings. The House and Senate sessions will start on May 10. The governor is concerned about the state budget and the cost of the state's Medicaid program. We will be advocating for increased funding for emergency services.

Chapter Meeting

Our chapter meeting will be held at the Conover Hyatt, April 3-4, 2008. This year's meeting promises to be one of our best yet, with an outstanding educational and social program. Meeting programs are in the mail and registration will open on February 1.

News from ACEP

Heroes of Emergency Medicine

ACEP is celebrating its 40th anniversary and to help increase member and public awareness of this milestone event, the College has implemented a "Heroes of Emergency Medicine" campaign.

ACEP will honor emergency physicians who have made significant contributions to their specialty, their

community. Each hero will be acknowledged with a certificate and photos will be posted in the ACEP Web site. The College is also promoting the campaign to the media and a press release will be sent to the local media in each Hero's community.

Join with us and submit your own "Heroes of Emergency Medicine." Tell us about your colleagues, mentors, those bravely serving our country, and all of those extraordinary emergency physicians who have made a difference.

To complete the "Heroes of Emergency Medicine" submission form, go to <http://my.acep.org/heroes>

LLSA Resource Site to Launch

On January 28, the College will launch the LLSA Resource Center, a new section of the ACEP Web site that will provide quick access to information and resources for the ABEM LLSA program. For more information on this new member service, go to <http://www.acep.org/> and click on "CME."



Clinical News

Bypassing Emergency Department Speeds Door-to-Balloon Times in STEMI

A citywide program that relies on patient referral by paramedics dramatically shortened door-to-balloon times and halved in-hospital mortality among patients with ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction.

Launched in May 2005 in Ottawa (population 800,000), the program allows specially trained paramedics to triage and transport STEMI patients directly to a percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) center, bypassing the emergency department. The program was developed after researchers had shown that paramedics there could accurately interpret prehospital ECGs and identify STEMI, Dr. Michel R. Le May and his associates reported in the Jan. 17 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Read the Entire Article:

<http://www.acep.org/NewsFeed.aspx?id=imn011620081700158765>

Study Tracks Opioid Prescription Trends During ED Visits

The overall number of opioid prescriptions written during emergency department visits for pain increased 14% between 1993 and 2005 in the United States.

During the same time period, the differences in opioid prescribing patterns according to patient race/ethnicity were consistent, with 31% of white patients receiving an opioid, compared with 28% of Asian/other patients, 24% of Hispanics, and 23% of blacks.

"We found no evidence that pain severity was lower for nonwhites than it was for whites making a visit to the emergency department for pain," researchers, led by Dr. Mark J. Pletcher of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco, wrote in the Jan. 2, 2008, issue of JAMA.

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<http://www.acep.org/NewsFeed.aspx?id=imn010220081529378384>



Calendar of Events

Chapter Annual Meeting
April 3-4
Conover Hyatt
E-mail: chapter@acep.org

Medical Association Leadership Summit
May 5-7
Best Western Inn
Go to: <http://www.medical.org/>

Emergency Medicine Board Review
July 4-6
Alto Holiday Inn, Washington
EMBoards@teaching.org

Welcome New Chapter Members

We have had five new members join the chapter since January. Please welcome the following members, and if you know or work with them, please tell them how glad we are that they have joined us.

Bill Bennett, MD, FACEP - Jacksboro
Suzanne Brown, MD - Maple Falls
Bruce Millikan, MD - Alta Vista
Laura Burger, MD, FACEP - Nocona
William Hernandez, MD - Helena

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