President's Update



By Anthony Wong, MD, FACEP

Hello fellow EM colleagues. It's SUMMERTIME! This is that time of year when we leave town, hide indoors, or hang out in our pools. Part of the Arizona lifestyle. Hope everyone is doing their best to stay cool as we wait for another summer to pass.

Just wanted to give you an update on the AzCEP home front. We just had our annual retreat in June at the Omni resort in Tucson. It was a beautiful resort and a great retreat for those that attended. We had some great talks and demonstrations by our fellow colleagues. Thank you so much for those who volunteered their time to put together a presentation for us. The summer retreat is one of my favorite events that AzCEP puts on. It allows many of us to come together and network as well as listen to some good topics. We also had someone come out from an astronomy club who set up some telescopes to do some star gazing! Great time to relax a bit and fill your wellness tank. We would love for more people to come out for next year's annual retreat. It is free for members to attend, and I hope to see many of you next year. The location is still yet to be determined but we will let you know once we finalize plans.

We also had a successful SIMWars that took place in Tucson this year. Congratulations to the COPA/ Valleywise residency for winning this year's SIM-Wars. Since it was so successful we are looking to continue with it next year.

I also wanted to give a shout out to our very own Dr. Amish Shah for winning the primary for his

race for U.S. Congress. He has done a tremendous amount of work for our medical community, emergency medicine and patients during his term as a member of the Arizona House of Representatives. He has also passed more bills than any Arizona Democrat in over a decade. Congratulations, Dr. Shah, and we wish you best of luck in the next stage of your race.

As a reminder, on May 2, Governor Katie Hobbs signed House Bill 2677 (abortion ban; repeal), which repealed Arizona's pre-statehood ban and helps to eliminate the threat to both pregnant patients and physicians in our state. While this is a big step forward, we will still have many other challenges to overcome. Rest assured we are on top of this very important topic and will do our best to keep our members informed of anything coming up on the horizon.

Coming up in the fall, we have our upcoming ACEP Scientific Assembly in Las Vegas! This city has always been highly attended by ACEP because of all the fun things you can do in the city and the many parties that take place. I am personally looking forward to attending and hope to see many of you there.

Also coming up in the fall we have our EM Opioid Summit taking place on November 20. Attendance is free to everyone including our advanced practice providers. Once we have a flyer finalized, we will send it out to our members. I ask that you please print it out and post it in in your department so others know about it and can sign up for it.

As always, my door is open, and I welcome any questions, comments, concerns, or feedback pertaining to AzCEP and medical care in Arizona. Please reach out to me at AnthonyWongMD@gmail.com and I'll see what I can do to address your issues.

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EM Opioid Summit-Hybrid November 20, 2024

Come hear local experts talk about the latest updates regarding opioid guidelines, reporting, risk reductions and what other facilities are implementing to deal with this crisis.



OPEN to ALL ED Providers, including APP's and ED Nurses

Registration and Breakfast
Welcome and Overview of the Day; Craig Norquist, MD, FACEP
ADHS/State of the State talk, Lisa Villarroel, MD, MPH, FAAFP
AHCCCS/Opioid Abuse; Sara Salek, MD, Chief Medical Officer
Break and Visit the Vendors
Sonoran Prevention Works; Kayla Kurti, Training & Curriculum
Specialist
Opioid Use and Addiction; What can I do as an ED Doc; Eric S.
Lott, MD, FASAM
Break and Visit the Vendors
Maternal fetal mortality/overdose prevention; Perinatal Psychiatry
Access Line (A-PAL); Kathryn A. Emerick, MD
Pain Talk; Michael Sheehy, DO, FACEP
Wrap Up

Registration Info will be sent soon!

Save the Date!

ED Doc Day @ The Capitol March 5, 2025

We Need You!

- Educate legislators on the critical service you provide every shift
- · Learn about issues impacting emergency medicine
- · Attend Committee meetings
- Network with fellow AzCEP members
- · We provide training and go over issues before hand

We need your participation to make this event a success!

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ITLS

ITLS is working on smaller regional courses in southern/southeastern AZ, central AZ (Phoenix area), and northern/northeastern AZ. Our first courses under this program were Pediatric ITLS courses held in March in Flagstaff and April in Pinetop. We are also supporting New Mexico into launching ITLS/PITLS in New Mexico as well. We had a Pediatric ITLS course in Tucson on AUG 3rd.

Go to our website to look for upcoming courses: www.itlsaz.org

Brad Butler, MD, FACEP CAPT MC (FMF), USN Medical Director Arizona ITLS

Need a Guest Lecturer?

Updated list now available!

AzCEP has pulled together a list of speaker topics and presenters to assist in program needs in the state. This updated version includes what type of practice environment the lecturer practices in. Check it out for **NEW** topics and speakers! See the list on the front page of the website; www.azcep.org



Calendar of Events

Mark your Calendar and Get Active in AzCEP!

Sep 11 Board/Membership Mtg, 1pm

Nov 20 EM Opioid Summit

Dec 4 Board/Membership Mtg, 1pm

Feb 5 Board/Membership Mtg, 1pm

All AzCEP members are <u>welcome</u> and encouraged to attend the Board Meetings. Contact the Chapter office at 602-336-4599 for additional information.

Board Meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at 1:00pm-*NEW!*



Happy Doc Kaua'I!

Keauhou - A New Beginning 2024 CME Program

Outrigger Kaua'i Resort and Spa Lihue, HI

September 15-18, 2024

All info can be found here!

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The Transformative Power of Mentorship: Enhancing Personal Growth and Mental Well-Being

Introduction

Mentorship, a time-honored practice, involves a more experienced or knowledgeable person guiding a less experienced or knowledgeable individual. This relationship, characterized by mutual respect, trust, and a commitment to personal growth, offers numerous benefits to both mentors and mentees. Beyond professional development, mentorship significantly enhances mental health, fosters personal motivation, and promotes overall well-being.

The Dual Benefits of Mentorship;

For the Mentor

- 1. **Enhanced Purpose and Fulfillment:** Mentors often report a heightened sense of purpose and fulfillment from guiding others. This altruistic engagement can lead to increased life satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.
- 2. **Strengthened Leadership Skills:** Mentorship hones communication, empathy, and leadership abilities. These skills are not only professionally advantageous but also contribute to personal growth and self-awareness.
- 3. Mental Health Benefits: Engaging in mentorship can combat feelings of isolation and depression. The process of supporting another individual provides social connection and reinforces a sense of community.

For the Mentee

- 1. Accelerated Learning and Development: Mentees gain access to the mentor's expertise, knowledge, and experiences, facilitating faster and more effective learning.
- 2. Increased Confidence and Self-Efficacy: Regular guidance and positive reinforcement from a mentor can significantly boost a mentee's self-confidence and belief in their abilities.
- 3. **Improved Mental Health:** Having a supportive mentor can reduce stress and anxiety. The emotional support and constructive feedback from a mentor help mentee navigate challenges more effectively.

The Research: Physical and Mental Benefits of Mentorship

Numerous studies highlight the tangible benefits of mentorship on mental and physical health:

- 1. **Mental Health Improvements:** Research indicates that mentees involved in mentorship programs experience lower levels of depression and anxiety. The supportive nature of the mentor-mentee relationship fosters resilience and emotional stability.
- 2. **Increased Physical Health:** Positive social interactions, such as those found in mentorship, are linked to better physical health outcomes. Reduced stress levels and enhanced mental well-being contribute to improved immune function and lower risk of chronic diseases.
- 3. **Enhanced Professional and Personal Satisfaction:** Both mentors and mentees report higher levels of job satisfaction and personal happiness. The reciprocal nature of the relationship ensures mutual growth and fulfillment.

Why Individuals Should Get Involved in Mentorship

- 1. Personal and Professional Growth: Mentorship offers unparalleled opportunities for learning and development. Both mentors and mentees gain new perspectives, skills, and knowledge.
- 2. **Community and Networking:** Engaging in mentorship fosters a sense of community and expands one's professional and personal networks. These connections can be invaluable for career advancement and personal support.
- 3. **Positive Social Impact:** By participating in mentorship, individuals contribute to a culture of support and growth. This positive social impact extends beyond the mentor-mentee relationship, benefiting the broader community.
- 4. **Long-Term Benefits:** The skills and insights gained from mentorship have long-lasting effects. Mentees often become mentors themselves, perpetuating a cycle of growth and development.

Conclusion

Mentorship is a powerful tool for personal and professional development, offering significant benefits to both mentors and mentees. By fostering a supportive and collaborative relationship, mentorship enhances mental health, motivates individuals to strive for excellence, and promotes a sense of community. As research shows, the physical and mental benefits of mentorship are profound, making it a valuable endeavor for anyone seeking to grow and make a positive impact.

Mara Windsor, DO, FACEP

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Creighton/Valleywise Resident's Column By Maddy Kahle, MD and Hunter Hoopes, DO

A New Hospital and New Interns!

A lot has been changing at COPA (Creighton of Phoenix-AZ/Maricopa County)! Our new hospital opened on June 13th. While we are still working through some growing pains, it has been lovely working in our brand-new facility. Our new home features a much-needed expansion of the Emergency Department with state-of-the-art trauma bays able to better fit our growing volumes. Our former home served Maricopa County since 1971, and while it had its own unique charm, we are excited for the new chapter in our program's history.

New interns also came with this new hospital! A warm welcome to:

Scott Austin, DO Midwestern University

Katherine Barlow, MD University of Arizona

Micheal Bougoulias, MD University of South Florida

Savannah Volkert, DO University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

Sarah Golden, Boston University School of Medicine

Colin Hurkett, MD University of Arizona

Colton Kelly, DO Midwestern University

Colleen Leu-Turner, Florida State University

Allision Loeffler, DO University of New England

Giyth Mahdi, MD Mayo Clinic Arizona

Emily Meyer, DO Midwestern University

Kelsey Newbold, DO Midwestern University

Emily Phillips, DO Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Christopher Pinto, DO Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Mackenzie Spencer, DO Midwestern University

Geneva Steward, DO Pacific Northwestern College of Osteopathic Medicine

The excitement of welcoming our newest interns has helped ease the sting of saying goodbye to our recently graduated seniors.

U of A - Tucson Combined EM & Peds Residency

By, Lo Canntu, MD

Our newly risen chiefs have stepped into their senior role by leading the pediatric wards teams with our interns this month after a fast paced block in the ED. Huge round of applause to Alex Barbosa, Shadd Cabalatungan, and Jonny Coss - our fearless seniors!

The new class embarking on this 5 year journey to mastery of both Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics joins us from across the country. Allison Josselet from Missouri has enjoyed her first monsoon season, Emily Mirochnick from Chicago has thrown out her snow shovel, and Jessica Sea left SoCal to become an Arizona Wildcat.

We're also meeting med students from around the country as interview season kicks off. Showing the new interns and visiting med students around our favorite Tucson hikes and restaurants has been a great way to launch the new academic year.

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UofA South Campus Residency Update By Robert Camarillo, DO

Greetings from the South Campus EM Residency Program!

As another year begins, we're excited

to update you on our latest news. This summer, we welcomed an enthusiastic group of new residents to our South Campus family. They've quickly immersed themselves in their training, with a standout moment being an unforgettable retreat in Mt. Lemmon, where they enjoyed hiking and bonding over the weekend.

In a few months, our senior residents will have the chance to attend ACEP in Las Vegas. This event will offer them valuable networking opportunities and a chance to engage in a dynamic learning environment. It's also the time when they'll start exploring their next career moves as job interview season begins.

The start of the year also brings the opportunity to meet promising future EM residents who rotate with us. We've had the pleasure of working with some exceptional medical students and eagerly anticipate their participation in the upcoming interview season.

Looking ahead, we're filled with excitement for the year to come. With new challenges and opportunities on the horizon, we can't wait to see our residents continue to grow and thrive. Here's to a year of discovery, learning, and new beginnings!

Kingman Regional Medical Center's Resident's Corner By Taylor Cornwell-Hinrichs, DO, MPH, MLIS, R2

The new academic year has brought 6 great new interns who are all thriving well, despite the steep learning curve that is all-too famous in the intern year of residency. They have completed their SIM skills in procedure lab and are already diving into daily procedures. Our second years are taking on new rotations, such as EMS ride-alongs with the Kingman Fire Department and learning how administration will be a component to all our future careers. And our third years are doing "big brain things" with Toxicology in Phoenix. Check out the official portraits of our new interns:













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Abrazo West's Resident's Corner

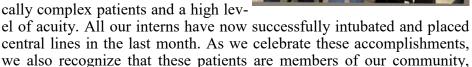
By Devi Dearmon-Moore, MD

Hello from the Abrazo EM residency!

This is an exciting time in the west valley as we welcome our new interns! The interns have been busy learning the flow of the department and having fun together as they practiced their skills splinting (on each

other), attending ultrasound day and starting their princess shifts. With varied interests including country swing dancing, traveling to all 7 continents, jigsaw puzzles and eating KBBQ, we are excited by the new perspectives and experiences they bring with them.

The newest members of our family were welcomed to Abrazo with medically complex patients and a high level of acuity. All our interns have now



and we are providing important and necessary care. In the same spirit, we are also proud to be a part of the Heat Stroke Project along with other hospitals in the valley and the Phoenix Fire Department implementing prehospital ice water immersion for hyperthermia with the goal of decreasing heat-related morbidity and mortality. We are excited to continue serving our community along with other excellent doctors in the beautiful state of Arizona.



Available to Residents, Medical Students AND Fellows!

DUE... November 15, 2024

AzCEP is supportive of Emergency Department based clinical research throughout the state of Arizona and of Emergency Medicine residents, medical students as well as fellows, as they work towards their future careers as emergency physicians. For the past 13 years, we have made it a priority to provide ongoing support and presence in EM training programs throughout Arizona.



Applications are on the front page of the website: https://www.azcep.org/

For a listing of the past EM Research Seed Grant winners, see the website; https://www.azcep.org/grant-winners

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ACEP Resources & Latest News

ACEP Urges US Senate to Pass the SAVE Act, Prevent ED Violence

ACEP and the American Hospital Association (AHA) cohosted a Senate briefing in support of the bipartisan Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees (SAVE) Act. ACEP polling, your firsthand accounts and more can be found here. Read more.

It's Time to Call Out Insurance Companies — We Need Your Help

We've all seen how insurers do all they can to delay, reduce or even outright deny payments. Enough is enough — ACEP is calling out their bad behavior and you can help by sharing your own story of bad insurance company behavior that put you, your group, or your patients at risk. Sharing your firsthand experience through this short, anonymous, online poll will help fuel state and federal efforts to push insurers toward transparency and better business practices.

Urge Congress to Stop Medicare Cuts

We need your help to urge Congress to swiftly identify policy solutions to provide long-term stability for Medicare beneficiaries and the physicians who manage and provide their health care. Without action, physicians and other providers will face yet another cut to Medicare reimbursements, further destabilizing our already fragile health care safety net. Take action today!

A Big Win and Strong Step Toward Banning Non-Compete Agreements

ACEP strongly applauds the Pennsylvania court decision clearing a way for the FTC ban on non-competes to go forward. ACEP fights for you — impacting these decisions from the start — by sharing your stories and fiercely defending your rights on the job. Read more.

Defending You. Demanding Better. ACEP's 2023 Impact Report

From advocating for \$25.8 million in vital funding for patient care, to confronting legislation that seeks to expand scope of practice, to influencing laws that protect your clinical authority and autonomy — ACEP is proud to share an incredible journey of advocacy and progress. Read the report.

Save on Fees With New Payment Option for ACEP Membership

ACH transfers, or electronic checks, are now available for new and renewing ACEP members, allowing a secure bank-to-bank money transfer which eliminates processing fees for you and ACEP. Members on an installment plan or auto-renew can easily update their payment information any time by accessing the "Payment Methods" section of My Account on ACEP's website.

Register for ACEP24!

Las Vegas is full of action, and this year, you'll have more flexibility than ever - course selection is not needed in advance. Register before Aug. 30 and get FREE Virtual ACEP24 - all the courses available online for 18 months. It's your safest bet.



New Career Resources:

You asked for it. ACEP delivered. ACEP's **Open Book** addresses your need for employer transparency. Gain access to information about employer group structure, leadership and more | openbook.acep.org

Practice Essentials of Emergency Medicine augments your knowledge of several critical business topics: Reimbursement, Contracts and Practice Models, Negotiations, Operations Management, Risk Management and More. It's FREE for ACEP members | acep.org/practice essentials

Find More Fulfillment in Your Career. ACEP has published a new wellness guide, From Self to System – Being Well in Emergency Medicine, which offers practical solutions to many of the systemic issues that plague emergency physicians today. Thank you to the countless authors and contributors who brought together these valuable resources.

Learn More about OUD Management With E-QUAL, a free online, low-burden quality improvement program. E-QUAL is now accepting enrollment in its 2024 substance use disorder initiative where you can discover best practices for ED opioid prescribing, earn credit for CMS' MIPS program and get real-time benchmarking data. Learn more and sign up today.

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:

- · <u>Crisis counseling/wellness sessions</u> available 24/7 and strictly confidential
- Peer support line for physicians and medical students, available 24/7
- <u>Let's Talk forum</u> for ACEP members, our only forum to allow anonymous posts

https://www.acep.org/support

UPCOMING ACEP EVENTS & DEADLINES

Aug 15, 4:00 PM CT: <u>PEER Challenge Elite Eight</u>. See who moves ahead to the Final Four in this residency program test of EM knowledge!

Aug. 28, Noon-1 PM CT: Maximize Scoring in the 2024 MIPS Program - CME - free, online

Sept. 29-Oct. 2: <u>ACEP24</u>, Las Vegas, NV - the world's largest emergency medicine educational conference

Cash Basis	AzCEP Budget P/L by Class July 2023 through June 2024										
	Annual Meeting	ED Doc Day	EM Summit	EPIC	SIMWars	Sum Retreat	AzCEP - Other				
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Income											
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Annual Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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SIMWars	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00	
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Wells Fargo Checking Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.74	43.74	10.00	-33.74	
Total Income	0.00	0.00	3,350.00	0.00	5,500.00	10,900.00	96,181.66	115,931.66	111,710.00	-4,221.66	
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Bank fees/transaction fees	0.00	0.00	53.34	0.00	160.97	243.49	0.00	457.80	3,100.00	2,642.20	
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Independent Contract Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,781.93	41,781.93	43,000.00	1,218.07	
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Tax Prep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	
Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	701.06	701.06	750.00	48.94	
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	155.44	283.12	2,526,44	2.965.00	4.400.00	1,435.00	
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23-24 EOY Report; Mainly due to our pared down ED Doc Day, we ended the year in the black with a Net Income of \$1061.62. Our non-dues revenue streams are promising and we hope to continue this type of growth. Declining membership is still an issue and we were down 8% of our regular members from last year. This upcoming year we hope to implement a program to help cover some advocacy expenses.

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We're Social... are you?!



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...well, we're trying. Send me a message if we need to "friend" you.

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Legislative Update

By John Thomas, AzCEP Legislative Counsel

The Summer season is upon us with its long sunlit days, abundant heat and the hope for a Summer storm on the horizon. New this Summer season was an early primary election which was held Tuesday, July 30th.

AzCEP Board Member and former member of the Arizona House of Representatives Amish Shah WAS VICTORIOUS in winning the 6 candidate Democratic primary race for Congressional District 1. Amish's name will now be on the ballot for the general election for CD 1 which will be held on Tuesday, November 5th.

The results of the general election in November for the legislature will determine which party will prevail with a majority in the House and the Senate and who the leadership and health committee chairs will be. This is important as the health committee chairs decide what legislation will, or won't be heard, in their committees. The Governor's office is a 4 year term so she is not up for re-election this year.

If you have the opportunity, please attend candidate forums in your area before the election and offer your help should the candidate have any questions about health care issues arising at the legislature. We have had board members contacted in the past by legislators who wanted to talk about health care proposals and some of our board members have ended up testifying in front of legislative committees to discuss these issues and the impacts that it could have on the health care community.

As for the Arizona Legislature, it finally adjourned for the year in late June after running for 160 days. Of the over 1,800 Bills, Memorials and Resolutions introduced, 250+ would have had an impact on the healthcare system in Arizona if enacted. AzCEP worked closely with other health care organizations during the legislative session on stopping, fixing or encouraging passage of a number of those legislative proposals.

One of the most important bills to pass this year was the repeal of the 1864 Abortion Ban law. It was finally passed out by a majority of the House and Senate and signed by the Governor in April.

As in past years, we once again faced Scope of Practice, International Medical Degrees, insurance and timely payment issues among others as the session ran towards its conclusion.

We expect to see most of these issues again and more in 2025 when the legislature heads back into session on January 13th. We have already scheduled our **ED DOC DAY** at the Capitol for Wednesday, March 5th where we will once again meet in the morning to hear a keynote speaker, attend legislative hearings and hold personal meetings with the Legislators. These legislative meetings have proven to be a key opportunity for our physicians to discuss matters of importance to our membership and provide attendees with the ability to directly educate the legislators on these issues and answer any questions that they might have. Be sure and MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 5TH.

Enjoy your Summer days as the Fall will be here soon enough.

AzCEP Mission Statement

The Arizona College of Emergency Physicians (AzCEP) supports the highest quality emergency medical care and serves as an advocate for our patients, our members and our specialty. {readopted by the AzCEP board, 6/2019}

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