

A Newsletter for the Members of the New Mexico Chapter



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From the President

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Spring is here and we recently hosted the 38th Annual NM ACEP Emergency Medicine Symposium at UNM on April 29th! It was an excellent gathering of EM providers and we had a stellar lineup of lecturers. I was struck by the high quality of the presentations, which rivaled any national CME event. Our goal is to continue such exceptional programs in the future, expand the audience, and attract more providers from across the state. We owe a huge thank you to all of our lecturers, and especially our National ACEP Board Member, Hans House!

The Annual NM ACEP Meeting followed the Symposium, which included elections for the upcoming year. I would like to congratulate the following individuals who will be participating on the board for 2017-2018:

Dr. Heather Marshall, President

Dr. Josiah Childs, President-elect

Dr. A. Robb McLean, Immediate Past President

Dr. Jamie Gagan, Secretary
Dr. Alex Feuchter, Treasurer
Dr. Eric Ketcham
Dr. Tony Salazar
Dr. Tatsuya Norii
Dr. Preston Fedor

As a brief update, the EDIE, or Emergency Department Information Exchange, will be implemented across numerous health systems in June. I count the involvement of NM ACEP in this NMHA initiative with the Medicaid MCOs as one of our major successes of this past year. Ready access to ED visits data, PMP data, safety alerts and care plans for our ED high utilizers is nearly here. I would particularly like to recognize the involvement of Heather Marshall and Eric Ketcham in helping to move this forward.

In other chapter updates, the national ACEP *Leadership and Advocacy Conference* (LAC) in Washington D.C. in March was a tremendous success for the New Mexico contingent (please see the article by the UNM resident attendees, Greta Bowen and Kristina Sycamore). We also have more local lobbying and legislative work ahead, collaborating on the balanced billing legislation advanced this last session.

It has been a privilege to represent the EM providers of New Mexico this past year as the Chapter President and I am looking forward to the continued work of the board this year. My appreciation goes out to Dr. Daniel Becchi, the editor of the chapter newsletter this year, and please help me welcome Heather Marshall as President for this coming year!

Two Residents' Thoughts on ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference

Greta Davis, DO

Kristina Sycamore, MD

In early March, we had the opportunity to attend the ACEP *Leadership and Advocacy Conference* in Washington, DC. This trip was funded by NM ACEP and allowed us to further our leadership development. We have been interested in being involved locally and nationally with emergency medicine advocacy since our intern year at University of New Mexico Emergency Medicine Residency. We are now third year emergency medicine residents and were thrilled with this tremendous opportunity to meet, socialize with, and learn from national leaders in

emergency medicine.

Imagine being in a room with Dr. Rebecca Parker, Dr. Jay Kaplan, the ACEP board of directors and so many other leaders in our specialty. The experience was inspiring. Most of our days were filled with lectures on the current medical legislation and how to develop leadership skills and our evenings were packed with receptions where we were able to meet and socialize with leaders one on one. Clearly, it is a place where ideas are heard and change is started.

In addition to meeting face to face with the leaders of EM, we were also given the opportunity to go to Capitol Hill and meet with our government representatives to talk about some of the most important issues facing emergency medicine today. A unique and wonderful aspect of going to government leaders as an emergency medicine physician is that we are advocating for the well-being of our patients and not just for ourselves. Standing now at the beginning of our careers, this experience has introduced us to how we can be involved and can effect positive change for emergency medicine, and for our patients, in the coming future.

Soon we will be moving to take our first jobs in Tacoma, WA and Phoenix, AZ, and we are looking forward to continuing our involvement with ACEP. We would highly recommend this conference to anyone interested in policy, leadership, advocacy, and the future of emergency medicine.

Transitions

Daniel Becchi, MD

For two years now, I have noticed that around this time, there is a quiet sense of self-assuredness that settles in our department. It seems to be grounded in a sense of appreciation in the success of ones own accomplishment and is punctuated with an air of excitement for the transitions that lay ahead.

Our most senior residents have filled out their metaphorical trappings and now stand bright eyed, eager to be the true master of their own future. They have worked hard and have secured choice positions where they will undoubtedly flourish and succeed. They are calm, poised, and measured- mindful of the work ahead and the growth still yet to come. The graduating class is both hopeful and empowered, buoyed by the confidence in the training they have received and excited by their capacity to competently meet the world that await them.

The rising interns, soon to be second years, have come into their own as well. Sprouting, just a year ago as timid and apprehensive 'baby docs', they too have blossomed into a strong and competent class. Although unbeknownst to them, they are ready to take up their next challenge, as they nervously rise to fill the shoes of those moving on.

These new seniors perhaps feel the dualism of pride of their promotion as well as a lingering self-consciousness in their own self-perceptions. In spite of this, I am inspired, knowing that they enter a period of wonderful personal and professional growth, possibly even the most impressionable of their residency. Notwithstanding their own hesitations, these new seniors have already progressively and systematically proven themselves. And despite their own enduring self-doubt, we know, from far across the room, that they are all more than ready.

A few weeks ago we received an email with a patchwork of eager portraits of our incoming resident class. We were amazed, impressed at the assortment of different medical schools from which they have emerged and their accomplishments to date. We jokingly speculate with good-natured but wildly off-point predictions on their personalities and attributes, yet to be known.

Although this group is unaware, we are grateful. This new family renews enthusiasm as they breathe life into the narrative of our training. And so, while they enter the stage as our friends depart, we might take a moment to relish in that we have seen these acts before and the story retold is a masterpiece.

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