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## President's Update

*By Craig Norquist, MD, FACEP*

As my second term comes to an end, I hope that members feel that we have made progress. I feel as if things have changed, some good and some left to be seen.

Of the good, we have had some small steps in malpractice after years of trying. We have seen more involvement of our members and have welcomed members from other hospitals, not only in the Phoenix and Tucson area. We have started (or restarted) the medical director forum, which, in my humble opinion, has shown to be positive for all who have contributed and participated. We have established relationships in the state legislature that we hope will serve us well in the future. There are committees that have developed clear objectives and are moving forward in everything from patient outreach to a legislative action network.

Those issues left to be seen involve the seemingly ever pending healthcare reform, which leaves many of us wondering what the future holds for our specialty. Statewide budget cuts will leave our already broken mental health system in even worse shape. Funding for residency positions is being considered for further cuts, which would prove devastating to most residencies in the state. The poison center currently has a budget, but it has to be fought for each and every year.

Even if we cannot provide solutions to most or any of these issues, we are increasingly being invited to the discussion and our input as emergency providers is being sought and respected. This is great for our specialty, but also means that we will be required to have people willing and able to give time for these issues now and in the future.

Overall, we cannot forget that each and every day, members of AzCEP (and emergency physicians not yet members) are taking care of patients in a still unfavorable malpractice climate, while never asking what type of or if they have insurance. While our government argues about how the healthcare reform debate should be shaped, we are still taking care of everyone who comes through our doors. In light of this, now that

the healthcare reform debate has stalled, attention needs to be turned to the SGR fix. If SGR is not corrected, we will be faced with up to 21% cuts to Medicare payments for physicians. If cuts to payments does not concern you (which I cannot understand why it wouldn't) then stand by for a large increase in patients presenting to emergency departments seeking care since their primary care doctors can no longer afford to see them in their office. I don't know about you, but I don't think I am the best physician to monitor and adjust grandpa's blood pressure and gout medications.

Please take a moment and contact your state legislators to ensure these issues get addressed. Visit the new AzCEP website and look under then Legislative tab for links to your legislators. [www.azcep.org](http://www.azcep.org)

Elections for this upcoming year AzCEP board and executive committee are scheduled for this Aprils year end meeting. Contact Stephanie Butler if you are interested in a position. *(See page 5 for details.)*

On a different note, please consider completing the AZ-ESAR-VHP registration. This is a way to volunteer and coordinate healthcare workers in a time of emergency need, such as the earthquake in Haiti. Completing the registration in no way commits you to volunteer, but it will provide for an expedited mechanism to get involved in future events. As emergency physicians, we are perfectly trained to help in such catastrophic times, but need to work within established organizations in order to provide the most coordinated care.

Lastly, thank you for the privilege of being the president of this group for the last nearly two years. I have learned an incredible amount on many areas but mostly have gained an incredible amount of respect for emergency physicians in our state. It has been an honor to say that I am your president when speaking to anyone from a legislator to a reporter to my mother.

I look forward to what will happen under the leadership of Alan Roga, our next president. In him, you will find a very thoughtful and deliberate leader who will guide our group to bigger and better things. But most importantly, it means I will never have to write one of these columns again. Cheers!



## *News and Notes*

### **ADHS Public Health Message: Trimming Salt Can Save Lives**

Arizona has joined a national initiative to slash 20% of sodium from diets in the next 5 years. The National Salt Reduction Initiative (NSRI) is a national effort coordinated by the New York City Health Department and includes the American Heart Association, the National Kidney Foundation, the American Medical Association, and state health departments from Alaska, California, North Carolina, Pennsylvania. According to the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), a recent study in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found that cutting dietary salt by 3 grams (about 1 1/2 pieces of pepperoni pizza) per day may reduce coronary heart disease and stroke. In Arizona, this means 2,000 less cases of coronary artery disease, 1,000 fewer strokes, 2,000 fewer heart attacks, and a reduction of deaths from any cause by 1,000 every year - all from a modest decrease in salt intake. ADHS reminds doctors and patients that you can start reducing sodium at the grocery store and the places you eat. Salt is used as flavoring and a preservative. Fresh fruits, vegetables and meats are naturally low in sodium, while the amount in processed foods varies greatly. Nutrition labels can help you make healthy choices about sodium in soup, bread, sausage, chips, etc. ADHS calls those who make healthy choices for the family and the community, "Champions for Change," and encourages all Arizonans to be a champion today by pledging to watch your sodium intake. NSRI is actually part of an international effort as Japan, the UK, Finland, and Portugal have already successfully reduced population-wide salt intake by using a combination of regulations on the salt content in processed foods, labeling of processed and prepared foods, public education, and by collaborating with the food industry to reduce the amount of salt that is added to foods. To learn more about these efforts, visit the webpage for the National Salt Reduction Initiative (NSRI).

### **Western States Health-e Connection HIT Summit & Trade Show April 12-13**

The Western States Health-e Connection Summit & Trade Show is a two-day event produced by Arizona Health-e Connection in collaboration with AMIA, AzHIMA and AzHIMSS. The Summit takes place at the Phoenix Convention Center on April 12-13, and brings together health information technology (HIT) and health

information exchange (HIE) stakeholders from across the country to discuss important developments in our dynamic industry. The event is large enough to offer a top-notch agenda covering the issues in our field, but small enough to provide lots of opportunities to make new friends and catch up with old colleagues. Highlights include some of the following: a great price, with registration just \$250 for two days; knowledge gathering, with timely and relevant content presented by national and regional thought leaders; information sharing at this opportunity to network with 400+ colleagues and contribute your thoughts, ideas and opinions; and new ideas - interact with 50+ trade show exhibitors in a low-pressure environment. For more details or to register go to: [http://www.azhec.org/Summit\\_TradeShow.jsp](http://www.azhec.org/Summit_TradeShow.jsp)

### **IOM Urges Awareness Campaign on Hepatitis B & C**

A new report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) states that Hepatitis B and C infect more Americans than the AIDS virus; according to the report, these liver-damaging infections will kill about 150,000 American in the next 10 years. In order to combat the diseases, the report recommends improving public awareness and tackling cultural stigmas about the diseases, wider use of the Hepatitis B vaccine, increasing research for a Hepatitis C vaccine, and improving testing for those at-risk as well as access to health services for hepatitis patients.

### **UA Medical School Expansion Plans Under Development**

The University of Arizona College of Medicine - Phoenix in partnership with Arizona State University plans to submit an expansion proposal to the Joint Committee on Capital Review. The Arizona Legislature, Governor Jan Brewer, and the Board of Regents have already approved the expansion project, which will be funded by state lottery collection-backed bonds. The expansion plans include a 265,000 square-foot health sciences building that will allow the school to expand its medical class size from 48 to 120 students per year as well as 80 pharmacy students.



## AzCEP Membership Spring Training Socials

*Don't miss out!!!*



*Join fellow AzCEP members for MLB spring training!*

San Francisco Giants vs. LA Dodgers  
Monday, March 8, 2010  
1:05pm @ Scottsdale Stadium, 7408 E Osborn Rd, Scottsdale

or

AZ Diamondbacks vs. Seattle Mariners  
Monday, March 15, 2010  
1:05pm @ Tucson Electric Park, 2500 E Ajo Way, Tucson

Seats are limited! Contact Stephanie @ [azacep@gmail.com](mailto:azacep@gmail.com) to register.

Deadline to register is **March 3!!**

*Maricopa Medical Center  
Resident's Column  
By Jacob Erickson, MD*

As the rest of the country gets hit with wintery weather, it remains forever sunny in Phoenix. The academic year is almost half over and it seems that everything at the Copa is running smoothly. Our interview season has officially ended with hopes of securing great future EM residents. We have encountered many bright, qualified candidates who would be an asset to the emergency medicine program. Match Day is approaching quickly for everyone and we anticipate another exceptional first year class. At the other end of the spectrum, the seniors are coming to a well deserved closing of their hard work at Maricopa Medical Center. Many have chosen to stay in the valley and practice while others have decided to venture to other states and abroad. Dr's TK Kelly and David Bell have decided to enter into academic emergency medicine roles at Maricopa. A special congrats to Sarah Christian-Kopp for obtaining a pediatric EM fellowship at Loma Linda, CA. I will certainly miss this class as they have always put residency teaching a first priority.

The second year residents and myself are already at the halfway point of the residency training. Time is flying by quickly! As I look back at the start of residency, I see how much we have all grown and the abilities we have all achieved in such a short time. A big credit goes to the teaching staff, the nurses, our off service colleagues and the people of Phoenix, who allow us to care for them each and every day. USMLE Step 3 is out of the way. Some of us are looking forward to the challenges of moonlighting (and of course the extra cash is a perk!!). We are eager to lead the following class with enthusiasm and continue the Copa tradition of achieving excellence for the EM residency program.

The first year residents have come a long way from orientation and are making themselves known throughout the hospital. They have set the bar high for the next class as some of them have already shown great leadership qualities. The in-service exam is approaching and the board review committee is working relentlessly to get our minds in shape.

Dr. Ben Bobrow continues his initiative to advance pre-hospital care and better outcomes for patients suffering from stroke, cardiovascular disease, and cardiac arrest. Along with one of our second year residents, Dr. Jason Roosa, both have increased the awareness and the efficiency of diagnosis and intervention of ST elevation myocardial infarction starting at first contact. Pre-hospital personnel are currently being trained to recognize a STEMI and have been activating the cardiac cath lab prehospital to improve the time to reperfusion. The EM program is excited and thankful to welcome Dr. Teresa Wu in joining the ED staff. Dr. Wu is nationally well known for her extraordinary skills in emergent ultrasonography and simulation medicine.

Recently, my wife and I celebrated our son's first birthday. It helps to have him waiting at home for me after a long day—he reminds me of simpler times. Give thanks to the small blessings that help each of us through this challenging period in all of our lives.

## **AzCEP Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

**The Ritz-Carlton, 2401 E. Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018**

**5:30pm-6:00pm, Reception**

**6:00-9:00pm, Dinner Presentation,**

**by AzCEP member, Dr. Ron Widman, and AzCEP Board Meeting**

The 2010 Annual meeting, with elections for the 2010-2011 board of directors, will be held Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at the Ritz-Carlton, 2401 E Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85016. There is complimentary valet parking for all those attending and they are offering a \$179 room rate for any that are interested in staying the night; please call 602-468-0700 to reserve a room.

An election ballot will be mailed out to members shortly and we also will take nominations for the board from the floor. Please RSVP to Stephanie if you will be attending; azacep@gmail.com or 602-336-4599.

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**Kingman Regional Medical Center/  
Midwestern University  
Emergency Medicine Residency Update**  
*By Sarah D. Shepherd, DO, PGY-1*

This past summer our Emergency Medicine attending group, Arizona Emergency Medicine Specialists, had taken over the ED contract at Havasu Regional Medical Center in Lake Havasu, AZ. Congratulations to the group for expanding! This is also great news for the residency. This will afford our residents another option for moonlighting. As residents, we will be filling the double coverage slot in the ED. Great training for budding ED doctors! As you may know, moonlighting in Kingman Proper is rare and our residents have to seek opportunities elsewhere (often times out of state). This will prove to be a win-win situation.

**AZ ITLS**

ITLS (International Trauma Life Support) had a great conference recently in Laughlin, Nevada back in September. We changed the format to include a lecture track in addition to our usual provider track. The feedback on this change was incredible, so we have decided to permanently change to this format. We also changed hotels to the newly remodeled Aquarius in Laughlin. I would like to again thank our instructors for agreeing to help educate over 50 students who attended the lecture track. These included our current and former AzCEP Board members: Drs. Bob Baron, Frank LoVecchio, and Dale Woolridge. Thanks also to other AzCEP members who spoke including Dr. Ben Bobrow and Dr. Chad Viscusi.

The dates for the course next year are Oct 4-6, with registration on Sunday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you know of any companies that would like to be a part of this as a vendor, please let me know. If you work at one of our Level I trauma centers in Arizona, please encourage them to come up to the conference as well. It is important as part of our students' trauma education to learn about the trauma centers we have.

Although initially designed as a pre-hospital course, more and more ED nurses and techs are taking the class. They have found it extremely useful for triage nurses and techs for "walk-in" traumas that present frequently to the ED. Please encourage your nurses and techs to attend (some ED groups sponsor a nurse or two). Also, we encourage EMS leaders to attend the lecture course, especially those from the rural areas. For more information on attending or becoming a sponsor or for a downloadable registration form, go to our website at: [www.itlsaz.org](http://www.itlsaz.org) or email us at [itlsaz@gmail.com](mailto:itlsaz@gmail.com)

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**AzCEP Summer Retreat**

To be held

June 2-3, 2010

At

The Boulders Resort

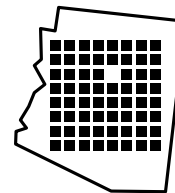
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Carefree, AZ

Escape for few days at the Boulders Resort for the AzCEP Summer Retreat. A room block of Sonoran casitas are reserved at \$119 + resort fee. To make a reservation, please call 1-800-HILTONS and use the group code "AZ CEP" by May 3.

The Boulders Golden Door Spa is offering 10% off all services. Appointments can be made with Jennifer by calling 480-595-3410.

Tee times can also be made to play golf at their course. Contact James at 480-595-4655.



## UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA RESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Timothy Ruttan, MD

With snow settling on the distant mountains and even the occasional frost in the early morning, winter has definitely come to the University of Arizona Emergency Medicine Program. Aside from the weather, the influx of winter visitors from up north – both in our homes and emergency departments – reminds our residents of the season. Residents are learning how to manage an ED crowded with everything from septic older patients to the innumerable children with runny noses while still finding the time to enjoy all that the season has to offer in Southern Arizona.

This is also the time of year for residency interviews and the match, and the interview season is wrapping up for both the University of Arizona as well as the newly accredited EM residency program at University Physicians Hospital Kino. There has been an outstanding group of enthusiastic applicants for both programs from across the country, and we look forward to a successful match in March. We are fortunate to be able to match a total of 28 first year residents in Emergency Medicine in Tucson – 16 at the University of Arizona Program, 10 for the new UPH-Kino residency, and 2 in the combined Emergency Medicine-Pediatrics program.

New faculty are also looking forward to coming to Tucson. The program is fortunate to have recruited a new Director of Emergency Ultrasound, Dr. Srikar Adhikari, who is currently the fellowship director at the University of Nebraska. He will help to develop the ultrasound program here in Tucson to expand the educational offerings for residents and medical students. Another addition to the faculty will be current senior resident Dr. Jarrod Mosier, who will be the first EM graduate to enter a two-year medical critical care fellowship at the University of Arizona in anticipation of the new ABMS pathway for Critical Care Medicine board certification. In addition, Drs. Lisa Stoneking, Isaac Farrell, and Larry DeLuca have completed fellowships at the University of Arizona and will begin the next year as new Assistant Professors. Finally, combined EM-Pediatrics residency graduate Dr. Hans Bradshaw will stay on as faculty and help to grow the new pediatric ED.

Research efforts continue to show good progress. Resident participants in ScholarQuest, the three-year residency research learning experience, submitted a total of 15 abstracts to the upcoming Western SAEM Conference in Sonoma, California, all of which have been accepted for the conference. Four residents co-authored two abstracts and one even co-authored three abstracts. Topics ranged from Arizona specific research such as coccidiomycosis diagnosis and treatment to broader issues such as the prevalence prehospital hyperventilation in intubated head injured patients.

Finally, congratulations are in order to Dr. Dan Spaite, Professor of Emergency Medicine and the director of the EMS Research Focus Unit at the Arizona Emergency Medicine Research Center. Dr. Spaite was presented with the Ronald Stewart Career Award by the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP). This award is made for “outstanding contributions in pre-hospital care and development of quality EMS throughout the world,” and it is the highest award given out by the NAEMSP.

### CME Course in Scottsdale, March 11

WHAT: Update on New Antidotes and Drug Safety in the ED

WHEN: March 11, 2010

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch, Scottsdale, AZ

Presented by: The American College of Medical Toxicology, in association with AzCEP

Please go to [www.acmt.net](http://www.acmt.net) to get all the details and to register.

## CAPITOL HAPPENINGS

By Richard E. Bitner, Legislative Counsel

It is day 39 of the 2010 Arizona Legislative Session and we are now past the deadline for filing bills, with 1231 recorded, and about to pass the deadline for bills to be reported out of committee in the house in which they were introduced. The next deadline (and all of these are subject to delay by legislative leadership), is that bills must be reported out of the assigned committees in the opposite house by March 19<sup>th</sup>. With record budget deficits looming that are among the worst in the country remaining to be seriously addressed, the session remains in its infancy, but the immediate prospect is that most ordinary (non-budget) bills that have not been voted out of committee in the opposite house of the legislature will be dead before Cactus League spring training is at mid-point, or before March Madness is over, depending on your sport of reference.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Special Session Passes Five of Six Measures Introduced – Still Leaves Current Budget \$700m Out of Balance**

The legislature has already convened and adjourned its first special session of the year (the Sixth special session of the 49th Legislature) with the result that 5 of the 6 bills introduced passed, solving a substantial portion of the projected \$1.4 billion budget shortfall. Most significantly, there will be a special election on May 18 allowing the people decide whether to increase the state sales tax for three years by one penny to assist in balancing the budget. If the people pass it, this will add \$900 million or somewhat more to the annual revenues of the state starting in July. If they do not, all bets are off for future budgets. What remains to be solved for this year, however, is approximately a \$700 million remaining shortfall, most of which was proposed to be solved by rolling-over K-12 schools and University payments into the next fiscal year. This bill foundered over a dispute between the House and Senate over a jobs bill the House unsuccessfully attempted to tie to the education roll-over. Other pending proposals rumored under discussion involve again rolling over AHCCCS provider payments from this fiscal year to the next. The passages of these measures, or possibly alternative sources of borrowing, seem likely in the next few weeks to complete “balancing” this year’s budget.

### **Coming Next --- 2011 Budget and “Stimulus Cliff”**

Next up is the 2011 budget which faces about a \$3 billion deficit, with only \$600 million remaining of the original \$2.8 billion in federal stimulus dollars provided by Congress last year, all of which are dedicated to supporting Medicaid. Dubbed the “stimulus cliff” by fiscal analysts at the Capitol, the gap between state revenues available, with little prospect of further help from the federal government, leaves the state of Arizona looking at a deep fiscal hole. Governor Brewer’s budget proposal relies on deep cuts into AHCCCS eligibility and state support for mental health programs, which would also require voter approval to overturn established “voter-protected” state funds, and in the case of mental health funding a legislative majority to alter statutory funding standards that are the underpinning of court-directed spending based on the 20 plus year old decision in *Arnold v. Sarn*. Voter approval of these initiatives would severely impact emergency medicine, but the prospects for voter acceptance of these measures, should the legislature even mount the necessary votes to put them on the ballot, is very doubtful. Without any change in constitutionally protected funds and court mandated mental health expenditures, the prospect looms that Arizona will continue to borrow against the future, a la California, and will be forced to make further cuts to K-12 and higher education, probably triggering federal sanctions for failing to adhere to “maintenance of effort” requirements on which federal stimulus dollars were conditioned. AzCEP is closely monitoring the situation and looking for opportunities to add funding back for Graduate Medical Education, Mental Health programs and sustaining AHCCCS funding and eligibility to the fullest extent possible.

### **Competition for Congressional Seats Sets Off Another Round of Musical Chairs at Capitol**

The unanticipated announcement from 3<sup>rd</sup> District Congressman John Shadegg that he would not run for re-election set off a series of resignations by legislators suddenly determined to compete for an open seat in the US House of Representatives. State Senators Jim Waring and Pamela Gorman, and Representative Sam Crump, have all resigned to run and been replaced, respectively, through Maricopa County Board of Supervisor vacancy appointments, by Ed Bunch, David Braswell and Amanda Reeve. This triggered a further redistribution of committee assignments in the legislature too numerous to mention here. Still awaited is the resignation of Senator Jonathon Paton, who is already openly campaigning to replace Congressman Gabrielle Giffords in Arizona’s Eighth Congressional District, and expected to turn in his resignation any day now.

### **Beyond the Budget – Progress on Key Bills of Interest to AzCEP**

AzCEP is working with health care allies to pass several measures important to emergency medicine:

HB 2492/SB 1189 Admissibility of Expert Testimony - Changes the court standard for determining admissibility of expert testimony in all civil cases to the federal standard (Daubert case) which provides additional guidance to the court in establishing that there is an established scientific basis and peer-reviewed acceptance for expert testimony being offered.

HB 2405 Emergency Care Council – Reestablishes the Emergency Care Council (formerly the Medical Direction Commission/EMS Council) after it was inadvertently “sunsetting” last year.

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HB 2124 Urgent Care Centers; Inspections - Originally introduced to authorize third party inspections of urgent care centers in the wake of ADHS inspection delays occasioned by funding cuts, this measure devolved into discussions of possibly de-regulating urgent cares. AzCEP intervened with others instrumental in the 1999 move to regulate urgent care centers to establish a more efficient basis for accomplishing initial licensure inspections and streamlining the renewal process, realizing ADHS oversight and a facility-based licensure response to consumer complaints are the key to protecting the public health against the abuses which prompted AzCEP to seek center regulation in the first place.

AzCEP continues to work with the Arizona Department of Health Services Behavioral Health Crisis Response System Work Group in order to press for better access to crisis evaluation services and to band together with other behavioral health providers, police and firefighters to fight further legislative cuts to ADHS behavioral health services. Any members experiencing unusual response times from behavioral health crisis urgent cares or mobile responders should continue to report anomalies to us so we may document incidents to ADHS and the relevant Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs)

**Those desiring more information about legislative developments or AzCEP Public Affairs involvement than provided here may wish to check the AzCEP website for updates, consult the Arizona Legislative Information System (ALIS) at “www.azleg.gov”, or contact me or members of the Public Affairs Committee or Executive Team for assistance.**



**ACEP Looking for Volunteers for Advocacy Efforts on the Federal Level**

Are you a member of ACEP’s 911 Legislative Network?

ACEP established the Network in 1998 to encourage emergency physicians to cultivate long-term relationships with federal legislators, convey ACEP's legislative and regulatory priorities-in an effective manner, and influence the final outcome of federal legislation important to the specialty of emergency medicine. There are now nearly 1400 ACEP members participating, 40 from our state.

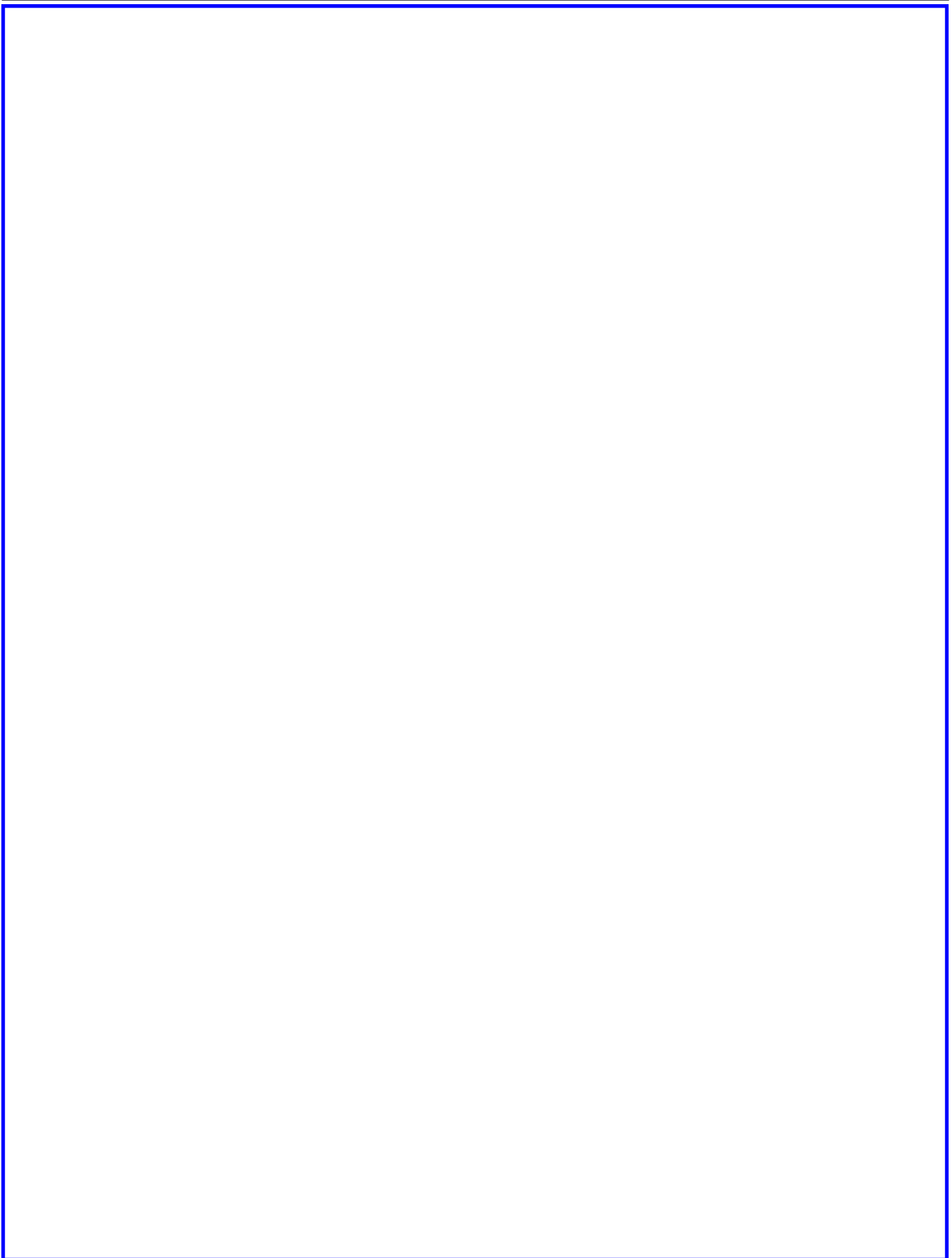
In 2009, when Congress tackled legislation to overhaul our healthcare system, ACEP recognized that it is more important than ever for emergency physicians to have a role in shaping federal health care policy on behalf of our patients and our specialty.

To further advance the work of the Network, our chapter has been asked by ACEP to identify a “State Leader” for the 911 Network who will coordinate federal advocacy efforts within our state and communicate information and action items from ACEP on federal legislation back to our chapter members. Our State Leader will be each year’s President-elect, who is currently Dr. Alan Roga.

State Leaders are required to participate in monthly conference calls with ACEP staff and provide at least one legislative update to our state chapter each year. It is also helpful for the State Leader to have familiarity with chapter members across the state and a willingness to assist with targeted recruitment efforts for key districts within the state. Since 2010 is an election year, State Leaders may also be asked to deliver NEMPAC donations locally to a congressional candidate, attend a local fundraiser as a representative of ACEP and meet with potential congressional candidates.

In addition to assisting our local chapter, please consider joining the ACEP 911 Network. No prior political or advocacy experience is required and it is easy to sign up on the [ACEP Website](#) where you can also find more information about the Network and ACEP’s legislative agenda. Now more than ever, it is critical for ACEP to have a strong voice in Congress to ensure that access to quality emergency care is available to patients when and where they need it. Let’s get our state numbers into triple digits!





**AHLS Course March 8-10**

Rapidly Identify & Treat Hazmat Exposures

Incidents involving hazardous materials happen. Whether from an accidental chemical spill or intentional terrorist event, you need to act quickly and efficiently to medically manage the victims exposed.

Advanced HAZMAT Life Support (AHLS) has a two day Provider Course designed to train medical professionals how to treat people exposed to hazardous materials. AHLS provides the specialized knowledge and skills you need to determine the toxic agent causing the symptoms and how it should be treated.

Join more than 10,000 of your colleagues and become a verified AHLS Provider and be prepared to face the medical challenges of hazmat exposures. Take the six hour Instructor and teach the AHLS knowledge to your organization and community.

Take AHLS Provider/Instructor Course in  
Tucson, Arizona

March 8-10, 2010  
Provider Course - Mon. March 8- Tues. March 9  
Instructor Course - Wed. March 10

Register at: [www.ahls.org](http://www.ahls.org) or 520-626-2305

**Calendar of Events**

**Mark your Calendar and Get Active in AzCEP!**

- Mar. 3 Exec. Committee, Chapter Office
- April 7 Membership Meeting w/elections  
@ Ritz Carlton, Phx at 5:30pm
- May 5 Exec. Committee, Chapter Office
- May 16-19 ACEP L&A in Washington DC
- June 2-3 Summer Retreat for all AzCEP  
Members @ The Boulders, Carefree

**\*All AzCEP members are welcome 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 12:00 noon at our Chapter office in the Arizona Medical Association building, 810 W. Bethany Home Road, #110, Phx, AZ 85013.**

**CLASS/COURSE OFFERINGS**

*This is a partial listing of classes that are often needed by emergency physicians.*

**ACLS/PALS**

\*Contact [www.wizardeducation.com](http://www.wizardeducation.com) for a listing of ACLS, PALS, plus many more offerings.

\*For a state-wide listing, call the American Heart Assoc. at 602-414-5345 or visit [www.americanheart.org/az-conm-wy/](http://www.americanheart.org/az-conm-wy/)

\*Or try taking ACLS online!  
Go to; {[www.ncs.org/eacls](http://www.ncs.org/eacls)} for more info.

**10th Annual Current Concepts in EM**

Presented by Maricopa Medical Center ED

*Friday, Mar 5, 2010; Desert Willow Conf. Center*

Topics include; Pediatric Airbag Injuries, OB Injuries, Environmental Emergencies, Tactical Emergencies, Tales from the Pit and More.

For Info contact; Rob Stewart, RN; 602-344-5022  
or [rob.stewart@mihs.org](mailto:rob.stewart@mihs.org)

**ACMT**

Wed, March 11, 2010; Hyatt Regency, Scottsdale

The American College of Medical Toxicology and the Arizona Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians are co-sponsoring a one-day course on New Antidotes and Drug Safety for emergency physicians. Speakers are nationally recognized speakers and specialists in Medical Toxicology. This course will take place on March 11, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch in Scottsdale, Arizona. 5 CME credits are included for AZ ACEP members. Please see the ACMT website for the full brochure and registration information. [www.acmt.net](http://www.acmt.net)

**ACEP Reimbursement & Coding**

May 23-27, 2010  
Camelback Inn, Scottsdale

[www.acep.org/meetings](http://www.acep.org/meetings)

**Changed Your Address?**

If you change your business or home address please notify the National ACEP Office or AzCEP & the correction will be forwarded.

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**AzCEP Mission Statement**

***The Arizona College of Emergency Physicians (AzCEP) exists to support the highest quality emergency medical care and to serve as advocates for our patients, our members and our specialty. {adopted by the AzCEP board, 10/2001}***

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