

President's Update

By Nicole Hodgson, MD, FACEP

Hello from Washington DC!

Our AzCEP team just finished attending our first in-person ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference since 2019. Although times were a little different this year, calling into our Hill visits from our individual hotel rooms instead of sneaking rides on the secret underground train to try to make it to our next meeting in time, AzCEP fielded one of our largest advocacy teams ever; we had more attendees than the state of Michigan and almost beat California! We had the opportunity to interact with multiple aides virtually as well as members of congress in-person at various events and NEMPAC dine-arounds. We advocated for improving resources for physician mental health, removing the X-waiver to enable us to better battle the opioid pandemic, and decreasing upcoming scheduled Medicare payment cuts. If you've ever thought about getting more involved, please consider joining us for next year's LAC!



Unfortunately, on the home front, we appear to be encountering another COVID19 surge. Please continue to advocate for the health of our patients. Vaccination is the best way to prevent severe COVID19. Talk with your family, friends, patients, and coworkers. If they haven't been vaccinated yet, answer any questions they might have. Help keep your loved ones safe. Additionally, I'd like to encourage everyone to reach out to colleagues that may be struggling. It's normal to feel concerned or scared about the increasing numbers of sick patients reaching our doors. We're in this together. Please feel free to reach out to myself or our other board members at any time.

Hopefully we'll be through this next surge and together again in October at ACEP Scientific Assembly!

AZCEP will be hosting a happy hour in Boston; keep your eyes out for an email from our lovely executive director Stephanie Butler for more details.

As always, if have any concerns or want to find out how to get more involved, please feel free to shoot me an email at hodgson.nicole@mayo.edu or tweet at AzCEP or myself at @ArizonaACEP and @nhodgsonem.



UofA-Tucson Campus Resident's Corner
By Jacquelyn R. Hoffman, MD & Brandon Godfrey, MD

Introducing the new EM/Combined EM & Peds Residents of the University of Arizona!

We are a diverse group of physicians with hobbies ranging from pickleball, photography, gardening, and rock climbing! From Florida to Washington state, we come from medical schools all over the United States and are ready to serve patients of Southern Arizona.

Please meet us:

Joshua Calton (EM/Peds)-University of Arizona, College of Medicine
Daniel DeMers-Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine
Benjamin Doty-University of Kentucky College of Medicine
Haedan Doty- West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Stephanie Duque-New York Medical College
Jorrie Dykes (EM/Peds)-University of Kansas School of Medicine
Danial Gebreili- University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
Jacquelyn Hoffman-University of Arizona, College of Medicine
Samir Ibrahim- St. George's University School of Medicine
Samuel Kaplan- Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine
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Joshua Patee- University of Arizona, College of Medicine
Dylan Pigeon- Saint Louis University School of Medicine
Joshua Pryor- University of Florida College of Medicine
Kelsey Richardson- University of Washington School of Medicine
Darren Stapleton- Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science
Adam Whiteley- University of Washington School of Medicine





ITLS on the River 2021; October 3-5!

ITLS on the River is back this Fall! The dates have been set. We will be hosting the conference again at the Aquarius casino and conference center, with our Pediatric ITLS course on Sunday, October 3rd, our lecture day on Monday, October 4th, and our provider/completer course on Tuesday, October 5th. See our website for registration and sponsorship and/or vendor opportunities at www.itlsaz.org. We look forward to continuing our format of lectures, including Rapid Fire talks as well as our provider courses.

During the pandemic, AZ ITLS has been providing free virtual CME courses. ITLS provided 8.5 hours of CME to over two hundred EMS providers, first responders, nurses, and physicians. See our website for more information on past courses. Thanks to all the speakers who helped make this happen!

Our ITLS State Coordinator, Amy Boise, EMT-P, decided to turn over the reins of ITLS in Arizona after over 25 years of service with ITLS to Tim Freund, EMT-P. Tim has been with ITLS for over a decade and we are excited to have him with all his experience in medical education onboard with our leadership team!

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

A Passing of the Baton.

After 20 years of leadership, Amy Boise, stepped down as AZ ITLS Chapter Coordinator last fall during our modified ITLS on the River Online series in September of 2020. While it wasn't the way we planned to change the guard via an online lecture series, one thing we are good at in EMS is rolling with the circumstances. Amy will still be a part of AZ ITLS and will continue to serve ITLS International on several committees. AzCEP and AZ ITLS will greatly miss her leadership and appreciate all her efforts.



AZ ITLS delegation from 2019; Mike Patten, Amy Boise, Tim Freund & Brad Butler.

Now that I have received the baton from Amy, allow me to introduce myself to our AzCEP partners. My name is Tim Freund and I have been a part of the AZ ITLS Chapter for over 10 years now. I have been a paramedic for over 20 years, and I have a broad background in health care. I have worked as an EMT in rural Ohio, at a level 1 pediatric trauma center in the Emergency Department, as a civilian flight paramedic, and up until 4 months ago as an ED administrator.

As AZ ITLS Chapter Coordinator, I am looking forward to forging a bond with AzCEP. Favorable trauma patient outcomes begin with efficient pre-hospital trauma care and appropriate transport. Whether you are an established ED physician or are an ED resident, when you recognize an opportunity to help your local EMS hone their trauma assessments and skills, I encourage you to reach out to AZ ITLS to help deliver that training.

One of the ways we are continuing to provide ITLS training and certification in the middle of a pandemic, is using a hybrid learning model. ITLS has an eTrauma online course which students take at their own pace to complete the didactic education. The ITLS Completer course is a one-day class where the practice trauma skills according to their scope of practice and perform systematic trauma assessments on a patient. Because we are receiving requests from remote areas of Arizona, occasionally we can even conduct videoconferencing to observe patient assessment evaluations.

At this point with the resurgence of COVID, we still intend to offer ITLS on the River in person in Laughlin, NV from October 3rd-5th, 2021. We are offering a Pediatric ITLS course with moulaged child "victims" on Sunday. On Monday, we have our contemporary topics lecture series with an Ultrasound Olympics for evening entertainment. The ITLS Completer/ Refresher is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th to provide EMTs, paramedics and nurses with their ITLS Certification.

In closing, I look forward to working with AzCEP to advance the mission of providing the highest quality of emergency care for trauma patients. If there is any way AZ ITLS can support your needs in your communities, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,
Tim Freund, FP-C, TP-C
State Coordinator/Arizona ITLS

Valleywise Resident's Column
By Shelby Hoebee, MD and Katrina Lettang, MD

As temperatures rise, so are the number of patients we've been seeing at county! Volumes are back and bigger than we've seen in a while. Everyone has been working hard in the department and we are very excited to have our new interns starting. They've spent July learning the ropes during orientation month. This month consists of simulations, lectures, certifications, princess shifts, and a little axe throwing here and there. They are geared up and ready to start their formal rotations at the beginning of August and we are excited to see what they'll accomplish!

A big congratulations to many of our residents for their academic accomplishments and publications. Dr. Cunningham recently presented at AAEM and was featured in Emergency Medicine News for his novel approach to the H's and T's. Dr. Mughal was published in the Journal of Alcohol and Drug Dependence for her article on perceived stigma among patients on methadone in Vietnam. Drs. Mughal and Cunningham also recently tag-teamed a publication together in the AAEM POCUS report. You can check out Drs. He, Rajan, and Comp's publication on rattlesnake envenomations in EMRA's EMResident magazine. We're so proud of our residents and all they achieve both inside and outside of the department, great job!



We've officially moved back to in person conference and things feel like they are slowly going

back to normal. We're happy that we get to see all of our fellow residents again and get back to being under one roof. Also, a big shoutout to Drs. He, Pastore and Butler for getting retweeted by Heely's for their amazing and hilarious July nights theme.



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EM Opioid Summit

November 3, 2021

Hybrid Conference.

- Get your required 3 opioid CME hours
- Rapid Fire Talks
- Updates on AZ related data
- More info coming soon to www.azcep.org



News & Notes

EM Physician Workforce of the Future Info

- The EM Workforce Report Session from the recent Leadership & Advocacy Conference [is now available](#). Listen in as ACEP leaders discuss the data & next steps.
- The Young Physicians Section [hosted a Q&A session](#) with ACEP President Elect Dr. Gillian Schmitz and EMRA President Elect Dr. Angela Cai, asking workforce-related questions submitted by YPS members.
- "[The Emergency Medicine Physician Workforce: Projections for 2030](#)" was recently published in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.
- **New ACEP Policy Statement: [Emergency Medicine Workforce](#)**

Get the latest workforce updates at www.acep.org/workforce.

New/Revised Policies

ACEP's new and revised policies allow you to bill more for your bottom line, makes sure you are entitled to fair and equitable compensation and are provided contractual transparency.

- [Definition of Emergency Medicine Residency](#)
<https://www.acep.org/patient-care/policy-statements/definition-of-emergency-medicine-residency/>
- [Medication Therapy for Psychiatric Crisis Events](#); <https://www.acep.org/globalassets/new-pdfs/information-and-resource-papers/medication-therapy-for-psychiatric-crisis-events.pdf>

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:

- [Crisis counseling/wellness sessions](#) available 24/7 and strictly confidential
- [Peer support line](#) for physicians and medical students, available 24/7

- [Let's Talk forum](#) for ACEP members, our only forum to allow anonymous posts

<https://www.acep.org/support>

Improve the Quality of Acute Care to Patients with ACEP Accreditation

When you choose accreditation, you are choosing to pursue a commitment to excellence across the spectrum of care that will help attract more patients and elevate your institution— providing a competitive edge in the marketplace.

- Strengthen community confidence in the quality and safety of care, treatment, and services – achieving accreditation makes a strong statement to the community about an organization's efforts to provide the highest quality services.
- Provide a framework for organizational structure and management – accreditation involves maintaining a high level of quality and compliance with the latest standards. Accreditation provides guidance to an organization's quality improvement efforts. Align emergency departments with one of the most respected names in emergency health care – being accredited by ACEP helps organizations position for the future of integrated care.

Learn more about ACEP's Accreditation Programs

<https://www.acep.org/patient-care/accreditation-programs/>

Thoughtful Life Conversations: Advance Care Planning

Arizona POLST is part of the National POLST Program that helps patients get the medical treatments they want, and avoid medical treatments they do not want, when they are seriously ill or frail. It's about helping people live the way they want until they die. POLST is only for the seriously ill and frail and is different than an advance directive because it is a portable medical order completed by a healthcare provider after a goals of care conversation and shared decision making about current treatment preferences. POLST exists because other advance care planning documents (advance directives and DNR forms) do not meet the needs of all seriously ill and frail individuals. Visit the AzPOLST website (<https://azpolst.org/>) to learn more about POLST and review educational modules available.

Kingman Regional Medical Center Resident's Corner

By David C. Weech DO, MBA, Chief Resident

As one chapter closes another opens. A new academic year brings new residents and the advancement to a new stage of a career. We are super excited to welcome our new interns Doctors Geovar Agbayani, Chris Burns, Codey Pedersen, Peter Touresian, Bailey Hasenbalg, Lindsey Colling. Our new interns had a week full of crash courses to KRMC, EMR training, POCUS, ER procedures and tours of all the new facilities including our new ER and new simulation lab.

In a recent change at KRMC Dr. John Ashurst has shifted roles, making a lateral move into a more research driven position within KRMC. This prompted a few formal changes to leadership including the promotion of Dr. Shane Sergent from Assistant Program to Program Director and Dr. Justin Truong from Clerkship Director to Assistant Program Director. We are excited and optimistic about these changes and look forward to the advancement of the program and wish Dr. Ashurst well in his new endeavors.

Stay Safe

David Weech DO, MBA
Chief Resident



COVID-19 in Arizona

Month	Average Daily Cases	Average Daily Deaths
November	2,988 cases	24 deaths
December	6,383 cases	75 deaths
January	7,479 cases	132 deaths
February	1,988 cases	101 deaths
March	766 cases	31 deaths
April	706 cases	11 deaths
May	539 cases	8 deaths
June	463 cases	11 deaths
July*	962 cases	10 deaths

**Through July 28*

- Source: Arizona Department of Health Services

VVN graphic/Dan Engler

Get the Latest Tools in the COVID-19 Clinical Alert Center; <https://www.acep.org/corona/COVID-19-alert/>

AzCEP Member Accomplishments

Phoenix Business Journal’s **2021 Health Care Hero; Lifetime Achievement Award:**

Dr. Frank LoVecchio;
Medical Director of
Clinical Research, Col-
lege of Health Solutions
at Arizona State Univer-
sity, Valleywise Health,
UA and Creighton Col-
lege of Medicine



Congratulations to
(twice) Past AzCEP
President,
Randy Van Nostrand,
on the completion of
his masters in
Healthcare Manage-
ment from Eller Col-
lege of Management,
University of Arizona
in May 2021.

New podcast: Host Dr. Ryan Stanton sits down with EM physician and Arizona Representative Dr. Amish Shah to discuss his legislation with whistleblower and due process protections for physicians and healthcare professionals. It’s a great explanation of the new law. <https://soundcloud.com/acep-frontline/advocating-whistleblower-and-due-process-protections-az-rep-amish-shah>

- Did you get a new job?**
- Get promoted?**
- Get published?**
- Achieve a goal?**

Let AzCEP know and we will include it in this new section of the Arizona EPIC. Tweet your accomplishment (@ArizonaACEP) or post it on Instagram (azacep810) and tag us... or email us at azacep@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

**AzCEP
Is
Turning
50!**



**Chapter’s 50th Celebration
To be held**

**Wed, February 2, 2022
5:00-7:00pm.**

More details to come!

2021 AzCEP EM Research Seed Grant

Available Now and open to Medical Students too!

...Due October 31, 2021

AzCEP is supportive of Emergency Department based clinical research throughout the state of Arizona and of Emergency Medicine residents as they work towards their future careers as emergency physicians. For the past 9 years, we have made it a priority to provide ongoing support and presence in EM training programs throughout Arizona. Medical students are included in the applicant pool too. 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>

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



Don't Forget About our AzCEP Career Center

AzCEP is proud to announce its new AzCEP Career Center - the premier resource to connect career opportunities with highly qualified emergency medicine talent. The Career Center is designed to provide you with a better overall experience through a modern design and an intuitive interface. You will be able to access the Career Center through any device of your choice- smartphone, tablet, or desktop. To access AzCEP Career Center, visit:

<https://azcep.careerwebsite.com/> or find it on the front page of our website, <http://azcep.org/>

The AzCEP Career Center will allow you to:

Manage Your Career:

- Search and apply to the best EM jobs at organization that value your credentials!
- Upload your anonymous resume so employers can contact you, but you maintain control of your information and choose to whom you release your information.
- Receive an alert every time a job becomes available that matches your personal profile, skills, interests, and preferred location(s).
- Access career resources and job searching tips and tools.

Recruit for Open Positions:

- Post your jobs, or your organization's jobs, where the most qualified EM professionals will find and apply to them.
- Promote your jobs directly to job seekers via our exclusive Job Flash email.
- Search the resume database and contact qualified candidates proactively.
- Expose your job postings to a larger audience through our NEW diversity, veterans and social networks.

Take a look & log on today at; <https://azcep.careerwebsite.com/>

We hope this newly design career center will make a significant difference for you, our members, as you navigate your career path.

Questions? Feedback? If you need assistance about this service call the managing company at 860-437-5700.



Pain and Addiction Care in the ED (PACEP) Accreditation

More than 83,000 people in the U.S. are thought to have died of drug overdoses in the 12-month period ending June, a record-breaking number according to the most recent data available from the CDC. Emergency Physicians can help by being part of the solution. ACEP's Pain and Addiction Care in the Emergency Department (PACED) accreditation program provides emergency departments with the tools to elevate the quality of patient care with innovative treatments, alternative modalities, and impactful risk reduction strategies, resulting in positive outcomes for patients, families, providers, and communities. Find out more today – www.acep.org/PACED- and be a leader. Use your unique position to help fight this epidemic at the point of care.

Legislative Update

By John Thomas, AzCEP Legislative Counsel

I can report that the Arizona Legislature did in fact FINALLY adjourn on June 30th, the last day of the Arizona fiscal year. The 2021 legislative session was the third longest in Arizona history with over 1,800 bills, memorials and resolutions introduced over the session.

As discussed in greater detail at our AzCEP board meeting in Tucson in early August, AzCEP, working in conjunction with our fellow medical industry associations had a good year at the Capitol stopping or modifying a variety of legislative proposals that, as introduced, would have had a negative impact on our memberships.

In addition, a number of positive bills did pass through the legislative process, several again introduced by our AzCEP member Representative Shah. What makes his success even more remarkable is the fact that he, as a Democrat member of the legislature, was able once to again to work with party members on both sides of the aisle and ultimately have success in a Republican controlled House, Senate and Governor's office.

Representative Shah is already planning to introduce additional legislation benefiting the physician community in 2022 and he is planning to once again run his Assault on Health Care Workers legislation which was voted out of the House before stopping in the Senate prior to a final vote.

The upcoming 2022 legislative session operates with different dynamics as 2022 is an election year for all legislative offices as well as the Governor's office. Typically, election year legislative sessions are short as the members are wanting to adjourn so that they can campaign prior to the August primary elections. Having said that, nothing is typical out at the Capitol these days so we will see how long they work before adjourning for the year.

In addition, the every 10 year Redistricting and Reapportionment process is once again underway for the Congressional and legislative districts. This will result in new district lines being drawn throughout the state and candidates to those offices having to gather signature and establish relationships in new and sometimes unfamiliar neighborhoods.

This is a good reminder to all of our membership to attend candidate forums in your legislative district and introduce yourself to those running for office. Let them know that you are available as a resource should they have a question related to your profession.

And finally, after a year's hiatus, AzCEP WILL be holding an ED DOCTOR DAY at the Capitol. We will not have a firm date until September but hope to be able to confirm a Wednesday in early March for that event. Once we have a date, please add it to your schedule as it is IMPERATIVE that we have a good turnout. AzCEP Executive Director Stephanie Butler has done a tremendous job in making this in to a fun, informative and effective event starting with a guest speaker followed by breakfast, morning meetings with legislators and finishing up with a well attended legislative lunch on the Capitol lawn. If you are unable to make the morning meetings, please plan on at least stopping by for lunch which affords you the opportunity to sit and discuss issues of importance with your own legislators.

I will update our membership on new legislative proposals for 2022 in our next newsletter.

John Thomas
AzCEP Lobbyist

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