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AzCEP Statement on Emergency Department Boarding in Arizona

As ER doctors, we see patients at their worst. With our patients' interests at hand, providing quality and timely care is our mission. We address the most acute problems head on and are trained to avert the most serious conditions.

The inadequate and insufficient physical space in the ED affects the quality and timeliness of care provided. Emergency department rooms have specific life-saving equipment that's not available in the waiting room or a hallway. Simply put we need a well-staffed medical team and equipment to be able to care for our patients in need.

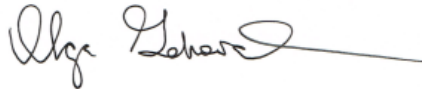
We don't want the ED (emergency department) boarding to get to the point that people could die in the waiting rooms without being able to see the doctor, the nurse, the respiratory therapist, or to get the imaging studies, medications, or medical equipment they need.

As emergency doctors we seek to collaborate with patients, hospitals, government agencies, other medical societies, nursing associations, and other stakeholders on developing and implementing solutions to this pressing problem. The people of Arizona deserve to have access to the best medical care available.

Additional information;

ACEP link on ED Boarding: <https://www.acep.org/news/acep-newsroom-articles/green-light-for-acep-led-request-to-form-national-boarding-task-force>

Thank you,



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