



Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians

Are you concerned about where emergency medicine is going and who is working for your personal concerns? Emergency Physicians face a wide variety of challenges in an era of rapid change. We must be united to protect our specialty and to protect our patients. The Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP) is your voice for those concerns!

Who is OHIO ACEP?

The Ohio ACEP Board of Directors and Committee Members are a very diverse group of practicing emergency physicians. They include academicians, private practice physicians, large group, small group, individual physicians, board certified, non-board certified, rural, urban, residents, medical students, democrats, republicans, and independents. Despite the varied background, they work together for the common goal of furthering the specialty of emergency medicine in Ohio.

Ohio ACEP Committees

Would you like to be involved? Ohio ACEP has a diverse group of committees, bringing members together to address the full range of issues facing emergency physicians. All members are encouraged to participate in those of interest to them.

- Education
- Emergency Medical Services
- Government Affairs
- Public and Professional Relations
- Reimbursement

Continuing Medical Educational and Educational Programs

Ohio ACEP CME-approved courses cover the full range of emergency physician interests. From pediatrics to management, from oral board review to technology, Ohio ACEP strives to meet the current needs of emergency physicians. Members enjoy discounted rates at several Ohio ACEP seminars.

- Emergency Medicine Review Course
- Oral Board Review Course
- Basic Ultrasound Course
- Ohio Emergency Medicine Resident's Assembly
- Annual ITLS Emergency Care Conference
- LLSA Preparation Course and Self Study Materials
- Annual Summer Symposium

Ohio ACEP Emergency Medicine Review Course, offered since 1985, has become internationally recognized for its quality and has received a national educational award from ACEP. The five-day course is specifically designed to help participants pass the written boards in emergency medicine and is attended by emergency physicians from across the country. High-quality CME is provided by a faculty made up of local and national emergency physicians who are leaders in the field of emergency medicine.

Governmental Affairs and Legislative Initiatives

One of the important values of Ohio ACEP membership is having your rights and interests represented in Columbus. As a strong, unified professional organization, we have taken many steps to empower emergency physicians and protect our patients.

Ohio ACEP has contracted with Towner Policy Group, a reputable lobbying group in the state, to keep up with the multiple bills introduced in Columbus and to introduce some of our own. Some of our ongoing activities include:

- Limited Liability Reform
- Medicaid Reimbursement
- Assignment of Benefits
- Emergency Medical and Pre-hospital Services

Reimbursement

Ohio ACEP works to influence government and third-party payer policies that affect the reimbursement of emergency physicians. We keep our membership informed on how best to work within complex reimbursement systems in order to lessen individual patient financial burdens and yet allow fair compensation for services rendered.

Ohio ACEP provides updates to its members on governmental actions including the distribution of periodically published manuals for the purpose of educating emergency physicians on methods necessary to maximize Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. The Emergency Management Organization (EMO), an organization consisting of office managers and billing personnel for emergency physicians' corporations, offer management advice through seminars and quarterly meetings.

Leadership Development

Ohio ACEP facilitates physician leadership by offering a program that combines elements of mentoring, organizational education, skills training and guided experiences. With real life sessions on political advocacy, public education, and leadership skills, the annual class, selected by application, has the opportunity to learn leadership skills applicable to their personal and professional life and work with chapter leaders to advance emergency medicine and emergency care.

Important Liaisons

Both Ohio ACEP staff and individual members have worked to form relationships on a state level, resulting in open communications, increased visibility, and inclusion with agencies and organizations such as the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio General Assembly, the Ohio Hospital Association, the Ohio State Medical Association and the Executive Branch of State Government such as the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (Medicaid) and the Governor's office.

Ohio ACEP Goals

Ohio ACEP exists to promote quality emergency medical care and to represent the interests of Ohio's emergency physicians. This includes involvement in education of medical students, residents, emergency physicians, our patients, and the general public.

We promote policies that preserve the integrity and independence of emergency medical practice. We support emergency physician representation within medical organizations and academic institutions. Ohio ACEP represents the interest of all Ohio emergency physicians.

Join Ohio ACEP Today

And rest assured that someone is taking care of your business, so you can get to the business of taking care of people.

For more information, please call 888-OHACEP (642-2374) or visit

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