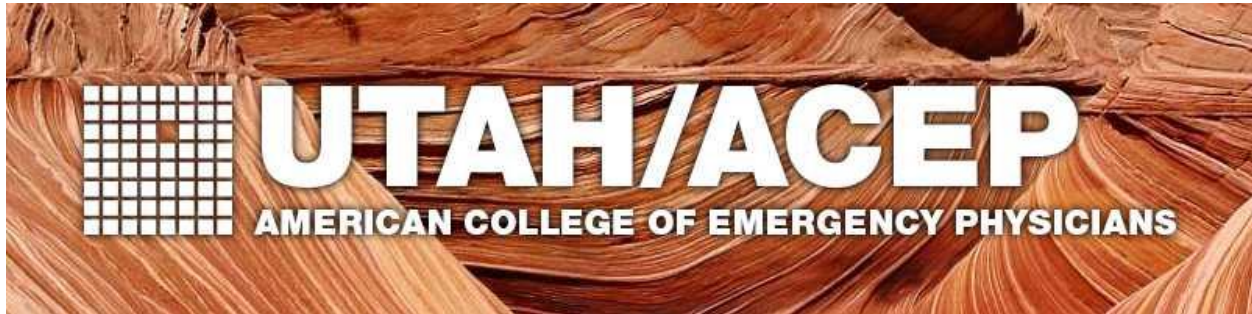


A Newsletter for the Members of the Utah Chapter - Fall 2021



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**From the UCEP President  
Alison Smith, MD, MPH, FACEP**

Dear UCEP Members,

With the holidays just around the corner, your UCEP board wants to extend holiday greetings along with our deepest thanks for your membership and for all that you do to care for your community and patients. You are irreplaceable and what you do every day to help those in need matters.

Please read on for some important local and national updates. As always, we are here to serve you and to hear your concerns, which we will work to address at the state and/or national level based on the nature of the concern. You can contact our executive secretary Paige De Mille at [paige@utahmed.org](mailto:paige@utahmed.org) or (801) 747-3500 x228.

Elections for the UCEP Board of Directors are in March 2022. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Paige De Mille by January 31st. The holidays can be a stressful time in an already chaotic work environment. Your mental health is important! Please be sure to take care of and make time for yourself and ensure that you are getting the support you need to stay mentally and physically healthy. The ACEP Wellness and Assistance Program offers ACEP members exclusive access to 3 free counseling or wellness sessions. This program is strictly confidential and is free with your ACEP membership. You can learn more here: [ACEP // Wellness](#).

We hope your holidays are relaxing and joyful. Thank you again for all that you do.

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### **Leadership and Advocacy Conference 2021**

Our scope of working as emergency physicians most often revolves around going into shifts and providing direct patient care. This can often feel satisfying and rewarding. However, there is so much more to emergency medicine than this. ACEP's annual Leadership and Advocacy Conference (LAC), held annually in Washington, D.C., is an opportunity to celebrate emergency medicine's accomplishments and continue to work for a better political environment for our specialty and our patients. First-timers to the conference are trained to educate our Members of Congress while seasoned participants build upon already-valuable Congressional connections.

At LAC, we tackle problems facing our specialty, develop tools to advocate at all levels, and build relationships with our Members of Congress, all while networking and having a good time!

This past July, UCEP was represented at LAC by Dr. Jim Antinori, Dr. David Mabey, Dr. Jordan Mabey, Dr. Alison Smith, and Dr. Forrest Wells. This year's four-day conference was held in person with sessions on current hot legislative topics in emergency medicine and training on advocacy, although visits with Utah Senators and Representatives remained virtual.

Our Utah physician advocates spoke with legislative and health policy aides for six of our Utah members of Congress regarding the following issues:

- Elimination of the X-waiver requirement for prescribing suboxone and helping patients transition to medically-assisted therapy (MAT);
- Preventing pending cuts to emergency physician Medicare payments;
- Support for the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act (S 610/HR 1667), which has passed the Senate.

Next year's [Leadership and Advocacy Conference](#) is in Washington, DC May 1-4, 2022 at the Grand Hyatt, Washington so get it on your calendar if interested in attending! This activity is approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*

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### **Emergency Medicine Journal Club**

Intermountain Healthcare and UCEP have teamed up to hold a quarterly emergency medicine journal club. If you haven't had a chance to participate yet, please plan to join the next live-stream event, which will likely be in January. The selected journal articles

focus on current potentially practice-changing ideas, and the content thus far has been exceptional. The articles are presented individually by Utah EM physician volunteers and discussion is guided by participants and a host of moderators. This is a free resource for all UCEP members with CME included. Keep an eye on your email for future dates and call-in information.

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### **University of Utah EM Resident awarded \$5K grant for Street Medicine project | Resident Spotlight: Dr. Morgan Ferros**

Senior resident Dr. Morgan Ferros was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to support a street medicine project in the Salt Lake area. This grant money will help fund needed renovations for a medical support van that brings healthcare to Salt Lake's most vulnerable homeless populations. Dr. Ferros and her faculty advisor (Dr. Michael Morgan) have partnered with the Fourth Street Clinic in this endeavor. This project brings providers from the Fourth Street Clinic's medical outreach team along with residents and students from the University of Utah to homeless encampments, riverbanks, parks, jails, and motels. Team members provide onsite medical care, wound management, and health education to vulnerable individuals who will not or cannot come to a clinic for medical attention.

This winning proposal was part of the inaugural Concept to Community (C2C) contest, a program at the University aimed at addressing the health needs of rural and underserved Utah communities. The contest was sponsored by the GME Resident Engagement and Training for Underserved and Rural Needs program (RETURN).

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### **ACEP Council**

The 2021 ACEP Council meeting was held in Boston, Massachusetts this year from October 23-24th prior to ACEP Scientific Assembly. The Council meeting is where state chapter representatives and ACEP national committee representatives come together to debate and vote on resolutions created and submitted by state chapters in advance of the national meeting (including one submitted by UCEP) in order to guide the next year of actions and priorities by the ACEP board and our specialty. Each state and committee are allotted a certain number of votes based on their number of members. (If you're seeing similarities between ACEP Council and the U.S. Congress you are spot on!) Four representatives from the UCEP board participated in the process and voted on resolutions that will shape the future of our specialty with your needs in mind. This year's debate was focused on such topics as advanced practice providers and their role in emergency medicine, degree of supervision, and how they can and should identify themselves and how to ensure the emergency medicine workforce remains strong and viable given the alarming ACEP report that came out this year showing a large surplus of emergency physicians in coming years. (See [ACEP // EM Physician Workforce of the Future](#) for more information on this topic.)

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### **UCEP Summit 2022**

The next annual UCEP Emergency Physician Summit, which featured Amal Mattu as a keynote speaker earlier this year, is slated for spring of 2022 and will likely be held in-

person in Salt Lake City with a virtual format available. CME will be offered and the summit is free for UCEP members. Look for more information soon regarding speaker list and date confirmation.

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### Welcome New UCEP Members!

Christopher James Anderson, MD  
Nathan Balkman  
Shannon Rose Brady, MD  
Dominique Chevalier  
Sherry Cipriano, DO  
Craig B Cowan, II, DO  
Nelson Diamond, MD  
Nathan Stephen Doyel, Jr  
Cameron Lee Earl, DO, FACEP  
  
Ryan Timothy Fitzner  
Myles David Greenberg, MD  
Hannah Elaine Moore  
Jonathan Poulson  
Christopher John Saucedo  
Lukasz J Sewera, MD  
Natalie Justine Tedford  
Theresa Thanh Thao Tran  
Brandon Womack

### FROM NATIONAL ACEP



#### Featured News

**"We cannot solve the challenges of our time unless we solve them together"**

In her address to the ACEP Council on Oct. 24, 2021, ACEP President Dr. Gillian Schmitz outlined her vision and approach as the College's new leader. [Watch her speech.](#)

### EM Physician Workforce of the Future:

- [Emergency Physicians Explore the Future of the Emergency Medicine Workforce](#) (ACEP Now, 10/25/21)
- [2021 Survey of the Emergency Medicine Job Market](#) (ACEP Now, 10/18/21)
- Get the latest workforce updates at [www.acep.org/workforce](http://www.acep.org/workforce).
- Visit [ACEP's Career Center](#)

### Regulatory News:

- [Status Update: ACEP Actions to Push Back Against Flawed No Surprises Act Regulation](#) (11/18/21)
- [Breaking down the Biden Administration's new vaccine mandates: How do they impact you?](#) (11/11/21)
- [Emergency Physicians Call on Biden Administration to Amend Interim Final Rule on Surprise Billing](#) (11/9/21)
- [The 2022 Physician Fee Schedule Final Reg: Highlights and Perspective](#) (11/4/21)

### EM Physicians Join Forces to Create Award-Winning COVID-19 Field Guide

[In this video](#), ACEP members tell the origin story of the award-winning [COVID-19 Field Guide](#), a valuable resource that has been utilized by emergency clinicians in more than 160 countries.

### Rescue Team Doctor at the Surfside Condo Collapse Shares Experience

In this [ACEP Now article](#), Dr. Benjamin Abo gives a firsthand account of what it was like for the urban search and rescue teams that responded to the Surfside condo collapse. (Plus, get bonus content from Dr. Abo on this month's [ACEP Nowcast](#).)

## ACEP Member Benefits

### A Checklist to Help You Negotiate The Best Employment Contract

Employment contracts are complex and often difficult to navigate. [This checklist](#) is designed to help you consider all the right questions when reviewing any employment contract you receive.

### Legal and Financial Support Services

For just \$15 per year, ACEP members can access Mines & Associates' [legal and financial support assistance](#). This service includes unlimited 30-minute in-person consultation for each individual legal matter, unlimited telephonic 30-minute consultation per financial matter, and 25% discount on select legal and financial services all with MINES network legal and financial professionals.

For more employment contract & job hunt resources, visit [ACEP's Career Center](#)

## Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

Nov. 29-Dec. 4: [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\) Workshop](#)

Dec. 4: Last day to submit your videos for the [TikDoc Challenge](#)

Dec. 16: [Alleviating the Pain: Managing Sickle Cell Patients](#)

Jan. 17-19: [Reimbursement & Coding Conference](#)

Jan. 18: [Advanced EM Ultrasonography Exam Review Course](#)

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