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### President's Message

**Marisa K. Dowling, MD, MPP**

Dear Colleagues,

Hello, I am Marisa Dowling, clinical and health policy faculty at George Washington University-Medical Faculty Associates (GW-MFA). I am honored to serve as DC ACEP's new Chapter President for the 2022-2023 term.

Before going further, I must thank our Immediate Past-President, Dr. Leah Steckler for her service during the last year, which came at a time of professional and personal transition as the pandemic reached a "new normal" and she welcomed her first child.

Under her leadership, the chapter hosted an expert townhall on EM workforce, a popular LLSA virtual conference, and successful DC area Program Director Panel for EM-bound medical students. We are grateful for Dr. Steckler's leadership and her ongoing work on behalf of our chapter.

Most recently, DC ACEP members met at ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference (LAC) here in DC to advocate for our specialty. See MS4 Will Sweetser's excellent summary of the conference below.

Also during the conference, DC ACEP held its annual elections. I am delighted to introduce the following chapter officers:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER</b>
President	Marisa K. Dowling, MD, MPP
President-Elect	Open
Secretary/Treasurer	Stanislaw C. Haciski, MD
Immediate Past President	Leah E. Steckler, MD

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Stanislaw C. Haciski, MD  
Natalie L. Kirilichin, MD, MPH

Notably, the President-Elect position is currently open. We welcome all interested members to apply. Please feel free to [contact me directly](#) to talk about the role.

The chapter has a busy calendar ahead. Please make note of several "Save the Dates" and deadlines below:

- **June 16** - Chapter leaders have a virtual visit with [Dr. Gillian Schmitz](#), ACEP's current President & [Sue Sedory](#), ACEP's Executive Director.
  - If there is a topic you would like for us to bring to national ACEP's attention, please submit the topic [here](#).
- **August 8** - The [15th Annual DC ACEP Chapter LLSA Review Conference](#) will be held virtually the morning of Monday, August 8th. More details on this popular free benefit for DC Chapter members will be shared shortly.
- **September 7** - Virtual Residency Director Panel hosted by DC ACEP and DC Medical Student Council. We thank Dr. Sullivan for her leadership on this event. See additional details later in this newsletter.
- **September 29 & 30** - National ACEP Council Meeting at [ACEP22](#) in San Francisco
  - **July 2** - Draft resolutions for National ACEP Council Meeting at [ACEP22](#) due. We value all chapter members' involvement in developing council resolutions. Submit any ideas you have for resolutions [here](#).

Lastly, we plan to host an in-person, outdoor social event this summer. We hope it will be an opportunity for member socializing and networking that I know so many of us have missed. Stay tuned for details.

In this upcoming year as Chapter President, I plan to focus on workforce resiliency and safety, robust social and educational events locally, growing our chapter membership, and carrying your voice into national ACEP and DC government decision-making. DC ACEP offers many opportunities to grow in terms of education, networking, advocacy, and leadership. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your DC ACEP Chapter President. Please feel free to reach out at any time. I look forward to connecting at our many upcoming events!

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**SAVE THE DATE**

15th Annual DC ACEP

# LLSA REVIEW CONFERENCE

**Prep for your exam**  
*getting up to date on the latest specialty-defining literature on current topics in Afib, stroke, sedation, seizure, and many more!*

**Monday, August 8th**  
**8am-10am**  
**Zoom**

**Register:**  
dcacep.org



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**Virtual Residency Director Panel**  
**Natalie Sullivan, MD**



In conjunction with the DC Medical Student Council (MSC), DC ACEP will host a virtual Residency Director Panel on **Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30PM**. Panelists include representatives from the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, George Washington University, and Georgetown University.

This annual event provides medical students interested in Emergency Medicine residency the opportunity to learn more about the residency programs in the DC-Baltimore area. It provides a forum for Directors to connect with our students and allow them to ask questions. In past years, the panel has focused on application specifics, the interview cycle and program updates. While the content is mainly directed towards fourth years, all medical students are welcome.

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**Medical Student Corner**  
**William Sweetser, MS4**

As a rising fourth year medical student at George Washington University, I was excited to attend my first ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference this May. It was an incredible experience!



The three-day conference in downtown Washington DC provided invaluable education material as a medical student to learn about health policy through the Young Physicians section primer courses, hear from leaders in important topics like burnout and ED workplace violence, and then advocate for those topics with D.C.'s Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and her staff.

Prior to medical school, I was hit working as an ED technician and saw firsthand the various verbal and physical threats staff encountered daily. At this conference, I took the opportunity to share this story with the Congresswoman to provide a personal context for our policy goals and to foster her support and promote them at the national platform. As a medical student developing my interest in health policy, I appreciated the opportunity to see the continuum of how policy is conceptualized, discussed amongst emergency medicine physicians, and then promoted at state and national levels.

Furthermore, I enjoyed networking with phenomenal physicians and students from across the country who were so welcoming to me and provided great insight on how to communicate our priority issues. I encourage DC emergency medicine-bound students to participate in the coming years to take advantage of this unique experience right here in the District. I look forward to next year's meeting and building upon what I learned to become a better advocate for our community.

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**Welcome New Members!**

A special welcome to the new members of the District of Columbia Chapter and to those that renewed their membership with the chapter. We are excited to have you!

[Contact](#) the chapter if you would like to get involved at chapter or national level. We can help guide you in the right direction!

**Aaron J. Oates**  
**Charlotte M. Farley**  
**Christopher T. Clifford, MD**  
**Daniel Childers**

Ellen Marie Dugan, MD, FACEP  
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## FROM NATIONAL ACEP



### ACEP Resources & Latest News

**ACEP Calls for Stronger Protections for Emergency Physicians Who Raise Workplace Safety Concerns:** ACEP spoke directly to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) during a public meeting about whistleblower protections. ACEP Council Speaker Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD, MMM, FACEP, [raised the need for due process protections](#) for emergency physicians on the job.

ACEP Clinical Alert: [Shortages in Iodinated Contrast Media, Baby Formula](#)

#### Workforce:

- **A new analysis of the EM physician resident workforce in [Annals of Emergency Medicine](#)** finds that while the number of residency programs is increasing, new programs are disproportionately located in urban areas in states with existing programs, rather than rural communities with limited access to emergency care. [Read more](#)
- **Building toward a better future, ACEP is moving forward on EM workforce initiatives.** [Watch an update](#) from ACEP President Dr. Gillian Schmitz on ACEP's progress during this April 28 town hall webinar hosted by the EM Workforce Section.
- **The Changing Role of Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners in the Emergency Department:** On May 26, ACEP's Democratic Group Practice Section is hosting a webinar with a panel discussion about best practices when using PAs and NPs in the emergency department. Topics will include ACEP's new policy on the role of PAs/NPs in the ED, economic considerations, workflow challenges, and how shared visits work. [Register for this free webinar.](#)

ACEP has launched a **public campaign** "[Who Takes Care of You in an Emergency?](#)" that includes a series of videos outlining unique aspects of the job and explaining the significant difference in training and education required for physicians. Here are [new scope of practice talking points](#).

**Problem solving: It's what we do.** [Take a look at the issues we're tackling](#) and how you can join the cause.

More than 100 leaders, members and staff worked together to create [ACEP's new strategic plan](#)! **It's an important roadmap for our future.** Together we'll build a better future for emergency physicians everywhere!

### **It's Emergency Medicine Wellness Week!**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and ACEP's Wellness Section is marking the occasion by kicking off its annual Emergency Medicine Wellness Week tomorrow, May 22. View more physician wellness resources by visiting [ACEP's Wellness Hub](#).

The [May issue of ACEP Now](#) features **new articles focused on behavioral health**, including [The Importance of System-Level Wellness](#) and [How to Approach Psychiatric Patients who Wish to Refuse Treatment in the ED](#).

## **Advocacy:**

**Help Move the Workplace Violence Prevention Bill Forward!** Ask your U.S. Senators to co-sponsor and support the "Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act" (S.4182). [Take Action!](#)

On May 4, ACEP and the Emergency Nurses Association hosted a press event at Capitol Hill to increase public awareness of workplace violence in the emergency department and to push for swift passage of the "Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act." [Read the press release with more information about the bill](#). Watch the [Facebook Live recording](#) of the press event.

### **No Surprises Act**

In the latest twist, the government requests Texas court place a "hold" on its surprise billing appeal. [What does this mean for ACEP's lawsuit?](#) [Dive deeper and learn more](#) about ACEP's many years of advocacy on this issue that led up to this law.

### **Prioritize Physician Mental Health**

It's Mental Health Month and a good time to look at the recently-passed Dr. Lorna Breen Act. This vital legislation, named after an ACEP member who struggled and was tragically lost during the first surge of the pandemic, went from an idea to a law that will help protect the emotional health and wellbeing of emergency physicians. [See ACEP's Role](#).

## **Regulatory Updates:**

- [NEW BLOG SERIES: Value based Care in Emergency Medicine-- an Overview](#) (5/19/22)
- [CMS Finalizes New Network Adequacy Requirements for Certain Private Health Plans](#) (5/12/22)
- [No Alternative Payment Model for Emergency Physicians and other Specialists...The AMA Has a Proposed Solution](#) (5/5/22)

- [ACEP Responds to FTC and DOJ Request for Information on Mergers and Acquisitions in Health Care \(4/21/22\)](#)

## Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

- **May 25 | 10:00 AM - 1:05 PM Central:** [ACEP Virtual Grand Rounds - Metabolic and Endocrine Emergencies](#)
- **May 26:** [The Changing Role of Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners in the Emergency Department](#) - Webinar hosted by the ACEP Democratic Group Practice Section
- **May 31:** Last day to utilize current [student loan rate discount for ACEP members](#)
- **May 31:** Last day to join the [ACEP22 QI Challenge](#)
- **June 1:** [Weird Baby Stuff: Managing Brief Resolved Unexplained Events](#) - Webinar hosted by the ACEP Pediatric Emergency Medicine Section
- **June 16:** [Breaking Down Barriers to ED Care for People with Sickle Cell Disease](#) - Webinar hosted by the CDC
- **June 16:** [EM Clinical Support Tool for Sickle Cell Disease](#)
- **June 17:** Last day to apply for the new [EMF health policy scholar grant](#)
- **June 20:** [Caring for our Heroes: Special Considerations for Treating Veterans in Emergency Departments](#) - Webinar hosted by ACEP
- **Aug. 23-25:** [Independent EM Group Master Class](#)
- **Nov. 11:** Last day to submit [ACEP23 course proposals](#)

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