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President's Message

Greetings SCCEP members,

I hope that this email finds you well. The SCCEP Board of Directors and Councillors have been busy working for you as well as our community this fall. The board has been aggressive in promoting workplace violence initiatives and working with other state organizations to make us, as Emergency Physicians, our co-workers, and patients feel safe in our Emergency Departments and hospitals. We have also been working with the SC Department of Mental Health to improve the way Behavioral Health Patients are transported in the state of South Carolina.

In October, many of us braved the weather and attended the ACEP Council Meeting and Scientific Assembly in Denver, where the city of Denver saw approximately 12 inches of snow making it one of the snowiest Octobers in quite a while. The educational and networking opportunities were plentiful despite the frigid conditions outside. More importantly, thank you to all who stayed behind on the front lines here at home keeping our Emergency Departments running flawlessly granting us the opportunity to attend. If you did not get to attend this year, please consider attending Dallas in 2020.



In November, the SCCEP Board of Directors held the Fall Board Meeting. There was a full agenda where the board discussed the council resolutions and further discussed ways to make our Emergency Departments safer. The board also was able to solidify the rest of the SCCEP events this year. Please mark your calendars for the following:

- **Tuesday, March 24, 2020:** SCCEP Annual Meeting and Legislative Day at the State House in Columbia. There will be an introduction of current legislation and its impact on Emergency Medicine in the state of South Carolina.
- **April 26-29, 2020:** ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC, where the goal is to highlight and advocate for legislation advancing emergency care.
- **June 11, 2020:** SCCEP Board of Directors Meeting, all are welcomed to attend and participate.
- **June 12-14, 2020:** Coastal Emergency Medicine Conference, Kiawah Island. One of the best conferences, on one of the best beaches in our own backyard. CEMC never disappoints!

If any of you are interested in becoming involved in SCCEP, please do not hesitate to attend one (or all) of the above events. We are always looking for Emergency Physicians to become committee members, board members or even just show up and participate in conversation with other Emergency Physicians. I promise that we will not take any of your time for granted as we all work together to better the emergency care in the great state of South Carolina.

Now that the holidays are among us, I hope that each one of you will be able to take some time off to spend time with your own families. Thank you to each and every one of you for what you do each and every day. Our patients, hospitals, communities and our state are grateful to have such an amazing group of Emergency Physicians protecting them 24/7/365. Hope to see you at SCCEP Legislative Day in March.

Best,
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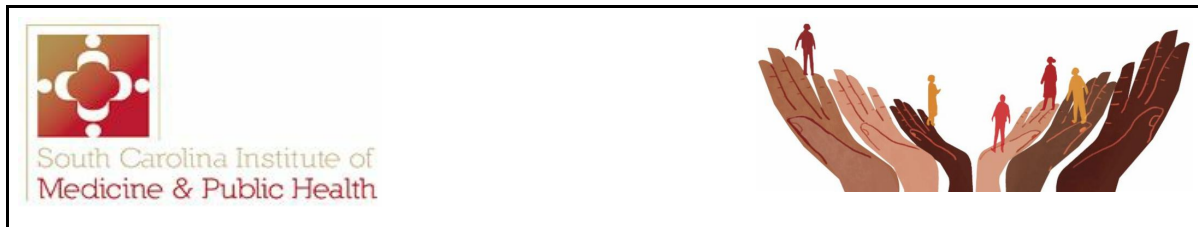
New Member Benefit for Physician Wellness & Assistance

The ACEP Wellness & Assistance Program was rolled out during ACEP19. It offers ACEP members exclusive access to 3 FREE confidential counseling or wellness sessions. Support is available 24/7, and sessions can be face-to-face, over the phone, or via text and online messaging. Includes 30-minute consultations for individual legal/financial matters. [Learn more.](#)

CMS Releases Final 2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

Recently, CMS released its final 2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) rule that includes changes that will affect Medicare physician payments and MIPS starting Jan. 1. The [Regs & Eggs blog](#) breaks down the final rule, emphasizing policies that apply to EM.

Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation: Delivering Geriatric Care Standardization
Older adults account for 46 percent of all emergency department visits resulting in hospitalization. Approximately one out of every 10 hospital admissions are potentially avoidable, and the majority (60 percent) of those admissions are for patients 65 and older. Read More about GEDA in the latest [SAEM Pulse issue](#).



South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health Launches Video Series on School Mental Health

In October 2018, the South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health hosted a one-day Legislative Summit that convened Health Policy Fellows alumni, key stakeholders and IMPH board members to provide an in-depth look at a timely public health topic: improving access to school mental health services. The SC Department of Education and the SC Department of Mental Health are currently collaborating to address the significant gap between youth who need and receive mental health services and have set a goal that by 2022, every student in the public school system will have easy access to school mental health services. South Carolina looks to build a strong state-level initiative for school mental health that pursues a shared agenda from all key stakeholders in the school-family-community system as the state leads the nation in the provision of school mental health services.

To bring light to this issue and inspire continued discussion, IMPH has released the first of a four-part video series *Tomorrow's Hope: Approaches to South Carolina School Mental Health Services* on our [YouTube channel](#). Follow the conversation on Facebook and Twitter using the hashtags **#schoolmentalhealth** and **#hope4tmrw**. The remaining videos in the series will be featured in the coming weeks.

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