

SCCEP EPIC Newsletter

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Greetings SC Emergency Physicians!

This time of year is always very busy and exciting for the SCCEP Board as it is the South Carolina Legislative season! There are several bills, which are quite interesting and concerning for SC Emergency Physicians and need to be on your radar. Before I get into the specifics of the bills, I would like to invite you to come to our annual SCCEP Legislative Day which is where we will gather in Columbia and speak to our Senators and Representatives about these concerning bills being put before them. The SCCEP Legislative Day is March 19 (please see further information below). I sincerely hope that you can make it as I believe that the more emergency physicians that show up can honestly make a difference in our Emergency Departments and to our patients.



Here are brief summaries about the current bills that SCCEP is actively lobbying on:

S. 303-Behavioral Health Transport Bill

As currently written, this bill would require Emergency Physicians to contact a family member or friend of a patient and notify them that they are allowed to transport the patient from the Emergency Department to the Inpatient Psychiatric Facility. This family/friend would also assume liability for the patient. SCCEP feels that this would directly impact the safety of the patient and those around them. Dr. Peyton Hassinger, SCCEP Board Member, testified in front of the SC Senate Medical Affairs Committee on February 13th speaking directly to the concerns from an emergency physician's perspective.

H. 3728-Opioid Antidote Reporting to the Prescription Monitoring Program

This bill would require electronic reporting to the PMP within three days every time a dose of Narcan is given. However, there is no such system currently in place to do so. Dr. Kenneth Perry, SCCEP Board Member, testified in front of the SC House 3M Health and Environmental Affairs Subcommittee on February 21st expressing the concerns that SCCEP has about this bill.

S. 136-Requires electronic prescriptions for controlled substances

This bill would require every controlled substance to be prescribed by electronic prescription only. There would not be allowed any paper prescriptions for controlled substances. SCCEP has been working with the SCHA and also SCSHSP (SC Society of Health-System Pharmacists) and have proposed an amendment that would offer exemption for patients being discharged from an emergency department or urgent care.

There are also many other bills that are being considered that SCCEP is actively monitoring.

Please come to the SCCEP Legislative Day on March 19th and make your voice heard!

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
2019 LEGISLATIVE DAY

The 2019 legislative agenda could be very impactful to your practice. JOIN US and learn how you can help! You will have a chance to interact with legislators and other professionals.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
CAPITAL CITY CLUB – 25TH FLOOR
1201 MAIN ST #2500
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

To Register, [CLICK HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATE
2019 COASTAL EMERGENCY MEDICINE CONFERENCE
Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16, 2019



SAVE THE DATE and make plans to join us back in Kiawah Island, SC for the 7th Annual Coastal Emergency Medicine Conference. More information coming soon!

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