President's Message

Greetings SCCEP members,

Happy 2020! I hope you are all doing well and survived the holidays. Your SCCEP board continues to work hard promoting workplace violence initiatives so that all of us feel safe in our Emergency Departments and hospitals. We also continue to work with the SC Department of Mental Health to improve the way Behavioral Health Patients are transported and treated in our great state as well as discussions regarding balanced billing. Your Board of Directors has also been extremely busy planning the upcoming events with SCCEP. On Tuesday, March 24, 2020 SCCEP will be hosting our Annual Meeting and Legislative Day at the State House in Columbia. We have some great speakers lined up followed by meetings with legislative representatives from across the state. This event is open to all members, so please consider attending. Be on the look out for more information regarding SCCEP Legislative Day in the next few days.

On April 26-29, 2020 multiple members of SCCEP Board of Directors will be attending the ACEP Legislative and Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. This is a great opportunity to advocate for legislation advancing emergency care. I also encourage all you to attend the Coastal Emergency Medicine Conference on June 12-14 on Kiawah Island. This is an amazing conference here in our own backyard and attended by Emergency Clinicians from SC, NC, GA and across the country. It definitely does not disappoint. www.coastalemergencymedicineconference.org
If you are interested in becoming involved in SCCEP, please consider attending any of the above events. We are always looking for Emergency Physicians to become committee members, board members or even just participate in collegial discussion with other Emergency Physicians at our meetings.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your hard work day in and day out to provide such amazing care to our communities and patients in the great State of South Carolina. I hope to see you at the SCCEP Legislative Day and Annual Meeting in Columbia on March 24.

Best,
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New Resources to Help Small Groups
ACEP has developed new resources specifically to benefit small groups. A new Small Group Advisory Group is a team of seasoned small group members who have volunteered to support the small group practice model by sharing their expertise with other small group members who are
looking for guidance or wanting to tap into the experience of others as they face various challenges unique to small groups. If your small group is dealing with an issue that you'd like to ask the advisory group about, just send us an email at smallgroups@acep.org. ACEP has also developed an online community for small group members to share ideas and discuss issues. To join that group and see the other small group resources available, go to www.acep.org/smallgroups.

ACEP and ENA Team Up to Tackle Violence in the ED
ACEP and ENA have joined forces to combat violence in the emergency department through a new campaign entitled "No Silence on ED Violence." The campaign is aimed at raising public awareness of the frequency and severity of assaults against emergency physicians and nurses, and to advocate for action by stakeholders and policymakers to meaningfully address this crisis. Learn more about the campaign and help us demonstrate how widespread this problem is by sharing your story at www.stopEDviolence.org.

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