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PACEP President 2025-2026

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE

“Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends”*

By Elizabeth Barrall Werley, MD, FACEP

To say the start of 2025 has been a challenge would be an understatement. Between both personal and professional challenges, I know the above statement to be so very true. I would not have been able to function if it weren't for the support of my friends. Similarly, despite recent challenges, our organization continues to thrive due to the enduring support of its friends – our members and leaders alike.

As most know by now, we lost Jan Reisinger, PACEP's Executive Director, to a brief but brave battle with pancreatic cancer in April. To many of us she was more than a colleague, becoming a dear friend and like family to some. We often had to ask Jan to focus on her health instead of us, as her love for PACEP was evident to the end. Even in an advanced stage of illness and under active treatment, Jan attempted to address issues and always asked about PACEP when we visited her.

For those who knew Jan well, they knew of her keen attention to detail. This is perhaps why it hurt even more when her medical leave became inevitable, as there was a period of weeks to months where normal PACEP business wasn't so normal. Much thanks to PACEP's preceding President and my dear friend, Dr. Jennifer Savino, for doing such a phenomenal job in keeping our organization functioning despite these challenges. With Dr. Rich Hamilton as Immediate Past President providing key institutional knowledge, and so many additional members of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and committee leads pitching in, it is truly amazing what PACEP has accomplished in the last few months. PACEP is also fortunate to have several accessory friends of the organization who flexed their talents and worked outside their normal roles to lend us a hand, and for that I am tremendously grateful. And finally, I appreciate you, our members, who demonstrated kindness, support, and patience while we worked through one of our darkest times.

As I said in my President's speech during our annual business meeting, I plan to use this time to look ahead to the future. Just as winter faded into spring, here



With tremendous thanks to our planning committee, spearheaded by Drs. Alexandra Amaducci and Jason Burkett, I hope you all would agree with me as to the overwhelming success of our Scientific Assembly.

** With a Little Help from My Friends,
The Beatles, 1967*

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we are emerging as something better and brighter. In true Jan fashion, she actually helped set us up for future success, because she actually referred us to her friend and former colleague. I am very pleased to welcome Brenda Dill as PACEP's new Executive Director, who started with us mid-March. She has an attention to detail all her own, but also brings fresh ideas and her own personal style to help guide and improve our organization. She has quickly become yet another friend to our organization (and me). I am confident that PACEP is in good hands with Brenda as part of our leadership, and I look forward to you all sharing a similar experience.

The three pillars of PACEP's mission statement are to educate, to advocate, and to lead. In terms of education, given the previously mentioned challenges, many of us were left questioning the potential for success of our annual Scientific Assembly. With tremendous thanks to our planning committee, spearheaded by Drs. Alexandra Amaducci and Jason Burkett, I hope you all would agree with me as to the overwhelming success of our Scientific Assembly. There were phenomenal contributions to the CPC Competition, the Spivey Research Forum, the Keystone Case Competition, and the Clinical Image Gallery as well as a fierce competition in the PACEP Olympics. The depth and breadth of content from a diverse panel of speakers demonstrates the skills of emergency physicians across Pennsylvania. This conference also demonstrated an outpouring of support from our medical community, with a record number of sponsors and vendors as well as conference registrants. It is events like this that demonstrate the many talents and teamwork among our PACEP members when they come together. I look forward to the future educational events this coming year, including the upcoming Residents' Days in the fall and continued collaboration with the Medical Student Council.

In terms of advocacy, many of us left directly from our own Scientific Assembly for Washington, DC, to attend ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference and advocate on the Hill with our Pennsylvania legislators on issues relevant to emergency medicine at the national level. We had a large turnout for our PA delegation, perhaps the largest cohort in my personal experience of attending LAC, including a mix of medical students, residents, and physicians. Not only did Representative Doctor John Joyce (R-District 13) and

Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-District 1) present during the conference sessions, our delegates got facetime with Representatives and Senators, or their staffers, advocating for our national needs as they relate to our practice in Pennsylvania.

Now that we're back and settled from our spring activities, I am very excited to continue PACEP's advocacy efforts here in Pennsylvania. Along with other PACEP leaders, I am looking forward to the Women's Health Caucus dinner in Harrisburg in May, with numerous state legislators. We've tackled some key topics on our first two quarterly Coffee Talks, including malpractice reform, workplace violence, and scope of practice, among others. I strongly encourage our members to join us at a future Coffee Talk as we partake in a friendly discussion of critical issues with state legislators on both sides of the aisle. These scheduled advocacy efforts are interwoven with ongoing review of upcoming legislation with our lobbyists. PACEP demonstrated its voice this past year with a grassroots effort helping to prevent an APRN scope of practice bill from getting out of the Senate. Knowing PACEP's impact, I look forward to engaging with you all again when other key issues are at stake. Be on the lookout for communication from PACEP, as I anticipate needing our collective voice again this year.

Looking ahead, I'm also excited for ACEP Council where we continue to lead as a chapter, bridging our state needs with the national organization. A primary task of this spring will be the preparation of our chapter's resolutions, the coordination of our Council delegation, and the detailed review of all proposed resolutions. Your input as always is critical, so please share your ideas.

Finally, in terms of leading, it is my personal goal this year to build on our membership engagement. I hope to strengthen the lines of communication, and provide you all ample opportunity to become more involved with PACEP, as well as provide your feedback and suggestions so we can continually work to improve our organization. I hope you are all comfortable communicating with me during my term as President, and I strongly encourage you to reach out to me directly at president@pacep.net. I look forward to further engaging with you all, my friends in emergency medicine. ■

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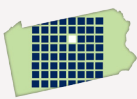
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In Memoriam: Honoring the Life and Legacy of Our Executive Director, Jan Reisinger

In Memoriam

Jan Reisinger, MBA, CAE
Executive Director



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With heavy hearts, we share the passing of our beloved Executive Director, Jan Reisinger, MBA, CAE, who passed away on April 12, 2025. She was more than a leader — she was the heart and soul of our organization.

Over the course of her tenure, Jan’s unwavering dedication, innovative spirit and enduring impact have transformed PACEP into one of the premier state chapters of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). The growth, stability, and success of the chapter in recent years are due in large part to Jan’s extraordinary efforts.

Colleagues and friends remember her not only for her professional achievements but also for the kindness and warmth she brought to every interaction. Jan had a remarkable ability to connect with others, foster relationships, and make everyone feel seen, heard and valued. To many of us, she wasn’t just a colleague — she was family.

We are grateful for the time we had with her and the indelible mark she left on us all. Her exceptional dedication and steadfast commitment to PACEP and the specialty of emergency medicine have had a profound and lasting impact on our organization. Her legacy will continue through PACEP with “The Jan Reisinger Emergency Medicine Train in PA Grant.”

We extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends and all who were fortunate enough to know her. Jan will be profoundly missed but never forgotten.



2025-2026 PACEP Board of Directors



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Future PACEP Scientific Assemblies at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, Pocono Manor, PA

2026: April 30–May 2

2027: May 6–8

2028: May 4–6

SAVE
THE
DATES

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER...

Congratulations to all our Scientific Assembly winners!

Best of the Best

**1st Place:**

"This Hasn't Been a Drill: Child Diphenhydramine Poisoning is on the Rise", *Monica Thacker, MD, Jefferson Health Northeast*

**Runner-up:**

"Implementation of an Emergency Medicine Milestone Application to Improve Quantity and Quality of Resident Feedback", *Aleta Mizner, DO, Allegheny General Hospital*

Spivey

**1st Place:**

"Beyond the Bedside: Exploring Social Determinants of Health through the Eyes of EM Clerkship Students", *Dr. Willner, Geisinger*

**Runner-up:**

"Outcomes of an Embedded Emergency Department-based Supportive Care Initiative" *Jessica Eygnor, DO, Lehigh Valley Health Network*

CPC



1st Place Resident Presenter: Ashley Schultz, MD, St. Luke's University Health Network
"Postpartum Puzzle – Diagnosing Dyspnea"



Runner-up Resident Presenter: Luke Persin DO, Geisinger
"A Productive Cough"



1st Place Faculty Discussant: Martha Barrett, MD, Wellspan York Hospital
"Beer, Bubbles, Battlestar Galactica"



Runner-up Faculty Discussant: Brian Kelly, DO, St. Luke's University Health Network
"Dazed and Confused"

Case Competition



1st Place: "Prolonged Hypoglycemia Following Accidental Insulin Overdose via Intramuscular Injection", *Danielle von Nieda, DO, Tower Health Reading*



2nd Place: "Break it Up", *Gabriella Blanco, MS, USF Morsani College of Medicine/LVHN*

Image Gallery



1st Place: "It's a Pain in the Neck: Bedside Diagnosis of Unilateral Neck Swelling", *Maxx Hotton, MD, Lehigh Valley Health Network*



2nd Place: "Not Your Average Chest Pain", *Tatvam Barot, MD, Lehigh Valley Health Network*



3rd Place: "Going, Going... Gone!", *Kara Johnson, MD, Lehigh Valley Health Network*

Congratulations to this year's award recipients who were honored during the Scientific Assembly!

PACEP congratulates Kevin Roth, DO for being honored and receiving the **2025 PACEP Physician of the Year Award.**



Kevin Roth, DO

PACEP congratulates Senator David Argall for being honored and receiving the **2025 PACEP Legislator of the Year Award.**



Senator David Argall

PACEP congratulates Todd Fijewski, MD, FACEP, for being honored and receiving the **2025 PACEP Meritorious Service Award.**



Todd Fijewski, MD, FACEP

PACEP congratulates George Koshy, DO, MPH for being honored and receiving the **2025 PACEP Resident of the Year Award.**



George Koshy, DO, MPH

PACEP congratulates Jan Reisinger for being honored and receiving the **2025 PACEP David Blunk Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Medicine Award.**



Jan Reisinger

We know that our PACEP members are doing great things, but we don't always know about promotions, accomplishments, etc. If you know of someone that deserves a shout-out, please email Brenda Dill at exec@pacep.net.

Introducing the Jan Reisinger Emergency Medicine Train in PA Grant

Over the past several years, the financial outlook of PACEP has improved significantly. At the June 2024 Board of Directors meeting, we explored ways to further our mission and vision with a special focus on supporting the next generation of emergency physicians.

We are proud to announce the creation of a new educational initiative: **The Jan Reisinger Emergency Medicine Train in PA Grant**. This grant is designed to support medical students pursuing emergency medicine training in Pennsylvania. The grant aims to encourage medical students to complete away rotations in Pennsylvania with the hope that they will ultimately remain and practice in the state.

PACEP will award up to two \$2,000 grants each year to:

- Medical students from outside Pennsylvania applying for an EM away rotation at a Pennsylvania EM residency program, or
- Pennsylvania medical students applying for an EM away rotation at a Pennsylvania EM residency program that is ≥ 50 miles from their home institution.

Congratulations to our inaugural award recipients:



Student Doctor Keerthana Santhakumar
Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine



Student Doctor Rebecca Han
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

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PEP-PAC Update: Strength in Numbers

By Elizabeth Barrall Werley, MD, FACEP



Elizabeth Barrall Werley, MD, FACEP
PACEP President

The Pennsylvania Emergency Physicians Political Action Committee (PEP-PAC) is the lobbying arm of PACEP. At its core, lobbying is a means of educating legislators about issues affecting us. PEP-PAC uses its resources to attend fundraisers with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, fostering relationships with them so that they can draw on our expertise regarding healthcare issues.

This past year, PACEP made great strides in its advocacy efforts. We are happy to be making our voice heard in the state – putting PACEP on the radar of the PA Department of Health, other healthcare organizations, and numerous legislators across Pennsylvania, and on both sides of the aisle. As reported at our annual business meeting, PACEP’s PEP-PAC contributed \$20,000 to 9 PA legislators this past year. But we cannot do this alone, and we cannot do it without PEP-PAC funds.

This year, we anticipate even more direct advocacy with our state leaders and we need your support. I strongly encourage you to make a donation to our [PEP-PAC](#). Even better, please consider making it a standing monthly contribution. At this year’s Scientific Assembly, I challenged attendees to participate in our PEP-PAC fundraiser and in under three days, we raised over \$2,500! In addition to our annual giving campaign, be on the lookout for additional fundraising events like this throughout the year, to help us grow our PEP-PAC funds and keep PACEP as a sought-after leader of healthcare issues. ■

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Help Our PEP-PAC Grow Its Funds



Donate Today to Help Support the Advocacy Efforts of PACEP

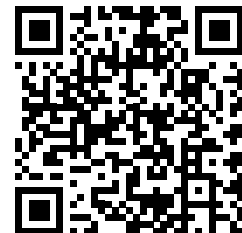
Recommended Donations

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PACEP Advocacy Update

By Bigley and Blikle, LLC



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FAREWELL AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Farewell to Jan

Jan Reisinger was a colleague, co-worker, and like for many of you, a good friend to the B & B Team. Her optimism, caring, dedication, and pure joy in her work will be sorely missed. The B & B Team cherishes the time we had together. Godspeed, Dear Friend.

Welcome to Brenda Dill

The B & B Team joins with PACEP in welcoming Brenda Dill as Executive Director. Although we did not directly work with Brenda in the past, we knew her from the high praise her former POMA colleagues heaped upon her. We look forward to forming a close working relationship with Brenda. POMA's loss is PACEP's gain.

STATE BUDGET PREVIEW

Will Pennsylvania have an on-time state budget in place? There are two emerging thoughts as the budget season blooms along with the lilacs.

Pragmatists believe that with divided government, both parties benefit from completing budget work on or near the June 30th deadline. A slumping economy that will adversely affect state revenues, and a federal government that seems poised to blow a big hole into every state's budget leads pragmatists to conclude that Governor Josh Shapiro and the General Assembly are better off enacting an early or on-time budget based on the fiscal data they have now. Pragmatists know that any budget adopted will need to be

revisited before the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year's end given the projected drop in state revenue and federal funding, so why not enact an on-time budget and have a nice summer? This view is beginning to gain traction, particularly among legislators who have vacation plans.

The pessimists believe that politics as usual will prevail in June, July, August, and perhaps into September. Fiscal hawks on the right may want to know exactly what the revenue and federal funding shortfalls will be before they consent to a Pennsylvania budget. Governor Shapiro and the majority House Democrats may not want to reduce their spending priorities too much to reach a compromise. Even in past years with revenue surpluses, lawmakers generally failed to meet the June 30th deadline, so why would we expect a different outcome with dire economic circumstances on the horizon, the pessimists ask.

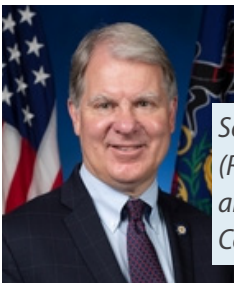
If the past is prologue, the pessimists' view will likely prevail.

NURSE SCOPE OF PRACTICE

It has been relevantly quiet on the Nurse Scope of Practice front this session primarily due to the lack of a majority for the House Democratic Caucus. When the House was tied at 101-101, the Democratic leaders did not advance controversial legislation. With the House now at a firm 102-101 Democratic majority, the B & B Team will closely monitor the status of the various bills introduced. We will also work with others in the House of Medicine to safeguard against adverse legislation.

MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

Senator David Argall's (R, Carbon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill Counties) SB 340 PN 277 reforms Pennsylvania's Certificate of Merit law in favor of defendants in medical liability lawsuits. The bill was referred to the Senate Judicial Committee on February 26, 2025. To view SB 340, please use the following link: [SB340PN277.cfm](#)



Senator David Argall (R, Carbon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill Counties)

We anticipate Representative Arvind Venkat (D, Allegheny) will introduce legislation to re-establish the MCare Abatement Program before the summer recess.

CO2 DETECTORS IN CHILDCARE FACILITIES

Representative Jeanne McNeill's (D, Lehigh) HB 156 PN 1302 requires childcare facilities with possible sources of carbon monoxide to have one or more carbon monoxide alarms depending on the size of the building. This legislation received House Final Passage (176 – 27) on April 9, 2025. The bill was referred to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on April 14, 2025.

The B & B Team will work with the Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chair Senator Michele Brooks (R, Crawford) to move the legislation before the summer recess.

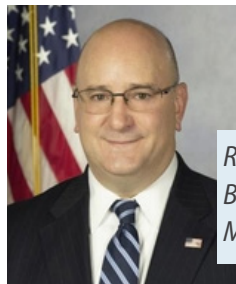
To view HB 156, please use the following link: [HB156PN1302.cfm](#)



Representative Jeanne McNeill (D, Lehigh)

PATIENT PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE TAKE HOME LEGISLATION

Representative Ben Sanchez's (D, Montgomery) HB 446 PN 424 allows patients to be discharged with the unused portion of these medications when needed for ongoing care was referred to the House Health Committee on February 23, 2025. PACEP's leadership is directly engaged in the House Health Committee's stakeholders process on the bill. To view HB 446, please use the following link: [HB446PN424.cfm](#)



Representative Ben Sanchez (D, Montgomery)

VENKAT SPRING FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS

Representative Arvind Venkat (D, Allegheny) held another successful spring fundraiser in Harrisburg on March 25th. Several PACEP leaders

attended and communicated concerns directly to House Majority Leader Matthew Bradford (D, Montgomery) and other lawmakers. Lt. Governor Austin Davis attended as well, further demonstrating the growing influence PACEP's former president has. More than \$40,000 was raised at the standing-room only event.



PACEP Leadership with Lt. Gov. Austin Davis and Rep. Arvind Venkat



BUDGET DEADLINE: JUNE 30

2025 SESSION DAYS

Senate

June 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

House

June 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Currently, the B & B Team is tracking 208 bills and co-sponsorship memos for PACEP. To view the recent priority report of bills tracked, please use the following link: <https://plsgovtrac.com/report/2abBy91qvw>

ACEP LAC25 Highlights

Pennsylvania was well represented at the ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference (LAC), held April 27-29, 2025 in Washington, DC. More than 20 physicians met with Pennsylvania's elected Senators, Representatives and staffers on Capitol Hill to advocate on issues important to you and your patients.

Issues discussed with congressional staff included:

- **The “Addressing Boarding and Crowding in the Emergency Department (ABC-ED) Act”** which aims to address the boarding crisis by utilizing existing federal grant programs to help promote and expand bed tracking and capacity management systems; establishing two new models under the CMS Innovation Center that focus on 1) improving care for older adults and, 2) on improving timely acute care for individuals experiencing psychiatric crisis; and, require the Comptroller General to conduct a study on best practices for public health data systems for tracking hospital capacity and their impact on ED boarding, EMS wall times, and more. The bill is led by Rep. John Joyce, MD (R-PA) and Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI).
- **The “Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act (H.R. 929 / S. 266)”** which will reauthorize the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act that was originally signed into law on March 18, 2022. Action is required to ensure this landmark, first-of-its-kind law is reauthorized.
- **Protecting Access to Lifesaving Emergency Care.** As highlighted in the new RAND report, the combination of declines in commercial payments, the 2.83 percent Medicare PFS cut that went into effect on January 1, 2025 that remains unaddressed by Congress, and potential major changes to the Medicaid program through the upcoming budget reconciliation process that could result in millions of Americans losing access to Medicaid coverage, emergency medicine is in a uniquely challenging situation. Advocates highlighted the unique nature of EM, especially the delivery of care under the federal EMTALA

mandate and the burden of uncompensated care for emergency services, and urge the need for stability and sustainability for the emergency care safety net. ■

Next year's conference will be held April 26-28, 2026. Mark your calendars now and plan to make your voice heard in Washington!





UPCOMING EVENTS

6/18/2025

PACEP Board of Directors
Harrisburg

9/5 – 9/6/2025

ACEP Council
Salt Lake City, UT

9/7 – 9/10/2025

ACEP25 Scientific Assembly
Salt Lake City, UT

10/8/2025

Central PA Residents Day
PSU Hershey

10/8/2025

PACEP Board of Directors
Hershey

October 2025

Eastern PA Residents Day
Details TBD

11/19/2025

PACEP Board of Directors
Harrisburg

1/18 – 1/23/2026

ACEP Accelerate
San Diego, CA

1/21/2026

PACEP Board of Directors
Virtual

3/18/2026

PACEP Board of Directors
Harrisburg

4/26 – 4/28/2026

**ACEP Leadership & Advocacy
Conference (LAC)**
Washington, DC

4/29/2026

PACEP Board of Directors
Kalahari Resorts, Pocono Manor

4/30 – 5/2/2026

PACEP26 Scientific Assembly
Kalahari Resorts, Pocono Manor

Giving Hope, Gaining Heart: How Volunteering Prepares Medical Students for Patient Care

Helen Connolly, OMS-II, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine



*Helen Connolly, OMS-II, PCOM
PACEP Medical Student Council
Community Engagement Coordinator*

The emergency room is often the first point of contact for people seeking urgent medical care within the community, but serving our community does not have to start at those doors. As medical students, we can begin making an impact now on the communities we are looking forward to serving. Volunteering can also supplement our learning, reignite a passion and nourish our own wellness.

I believe we can begin developing strong soft skills such as interpersonal communication and emotional intelligence throughout our preclinical years. Through volunteering we can learn different ways that grief can

present and how we can best support those experiencing it. During my first two years in medical school, I had the privilege of working as a wish granter for Make-A-Wish. While we are not specifically taught what grief looks like in school, I learned that it ranges far beyond our own experiences. I spent time with families going through the unimaginable and saw what strength, desperation and uncertainty look like in the face of grief. I felt completely lost in these situations at first and didn't understand my role or how I could help. I initially kept to paperwork and checklists to make those visits as efficient as possible. However, it wasn't until I simply asked a family what they needed from me that I realized the real goal; which was to give each child the spotlight for an evening. For many families, it was important for the child to share who they are and what they love to do with their loved ones and for their families to share stories and qualities that they love about them. Consequently, the paperwork started to take a backseat but the information that was needed to complete it came more naturally and with a lot more laughter and love. I cherish these meetings now and am learning when to be a supporter and advocate for



Committee Meetings dates for 2025-2026 will be announced in the coming weeks – watch your email for more information.

There's still time to join a committee – [click here!](#)

each child through facilitating these conversations with a family facing grief.

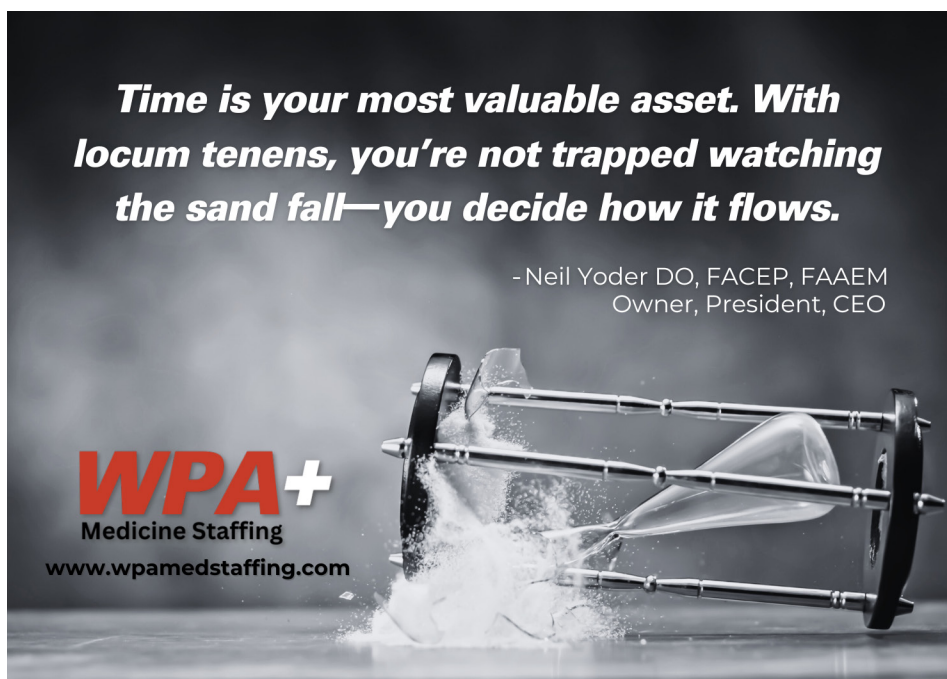
Whether it was said or paraphrased, “helping others” was a paramount idea in many of our personal statements when we entered medical school and often again as we apply to residency. However, I ask, why should that reignition of passion wait until we graduate? Emergency medicine is a powerful yet gentle field where you truly meet your patients on their worst days. Our professors, mentors and preceptors prepare us for this inevitable position. As students can we help prepare others for their worst day? Last year the PCOM Emergency Medicine Interest Group did just this by using the Texas Two Step CPR protocol. We brought our school's CPR mannequins and our preclinical knowledge that was freshly squeezed into our heads directly into our community. We attended block parties, local races and community wellness events to teach our neighbors the fundamentals of CPR and how to respond in crisis. Volunteering is often seen as a mandatory box to check, however it should be viewed more as an opportunity to empower others through education and shape our identities as compassionate advocates.

For our well-being, students can find a new tangible metric to define success outside of grades through volunteering. The positive impact made on another person, whether seen through a smile, hug or explicit gratitude from someone who knew to call 911 and push hard and fast in the center of their loved one's chest until help arrived, can help reduce stress and strengthen perseverance throughout medical school. Although research on this topic is still emerging, a 2023 multi-institutional study found a cross-sectional association between support-giving, defined as self-reported hours giving emotional support or unpaid assistance to others,

and lower levels of IL-6, a key marker of chronic inflammation.⁽¹⁾ It would be encouraging to see continued growth in both this line of research and student volunteer efforts.

Your education is up to you. I challenge you to spend your preclinical years beyond the library and actively work to improve your emotional intelligence, compassion and advocacy through volunteering. The communities we hope to serve tomorrow are calling for us today. You have value and skills right now that can already make a meaningful impact. ■

(1) Inagaki TK, Alvarez GM, Orehek E, Ferrer RA, Manuck SB, Abaya NM, Muscatell KA. Support-Giving Is Associated With Lower Systemic Inflammation. *Ann Behav Med.* 2023 May 23;57(6):499-507. doi: 10.1093/abm/kaac059. PMID: 37036113; PMCID: PMC10413322.



ACEP Board Updates

By Chadd K. Kraus, DO, DrPH, CPE, FACEP



Chadd K. Kraus, DO, DrPH, CPE, FACEP
ACEP Board of Directors
PACEP Past President

PACEP Colleagues,

I'm excited to share some updates from the ACEP Board of Directors and the College with you.

UPDATES FROM THE APRIL 30, 2025 BOARD MEETING

International Update and Strategic Investment Considerations

The Board explored whether ACEP should maintain and/or expand its commitment to global development of emergency medicine worldwide. To maximize the impact of ACEP's current activities and the alignment of ongoing efforts with ACEP's Strategic Plan, the Board requested staff and the International Committee to continue examining the strategic alignment and draft a business plan to more fully explore opportunities for international involvement.

CHAPTER CREDIT CARD FEES

The Board determined that beginning July 1, 2026, ACEP chapters will be responsible for paying the credit card fees that are incurred due to payments on their own chapter memberships and state PAC donations. ACEP staff will provide formal notice to chapters and be available to answer any questions that may arise. Both ACEP and chapters will continue to promote use of the ACH/bank payment option, and ACEP will continue to partner with chapters to increase scalability and reduce common operating costs like technology, meeting registration, web hosting, etc.

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

The Board approved a 3% increase to dues for Regular members, with no change to Candidate or International member dues. ACEP is sensitive to the economic impact of rising dues on members, particularly in the current



ACTIONS ON POLICY STATEMENTS & CLINICAL POLICIES ►►

- ¹ Addresses second resolved of Amended Resolution 53(23) Treating Physician Determines Patient Stability
- ² Previously titled Providers of Unsupervised ED Care
- ³ Addresses Resolution 43(23) Adobt Terminology "Unsupervised Practice of Medicine"
- ⁴ Addresses first resolved of Amended Resolution 53(23) Treating Physician Determines Patient Stability

overall economic climate and when compounded with potential chapter dues increases as chapters absorb the cost of credit card fees. The increase is in alignment with the “Annual Membership Dues Increase” policy passed in 2023 to keep pace with inflation and is an important contributor to ACEP’s continued support of valuable member programs as well as critical advocacy initiatives on behalf of EM.

OTHER NOTES

• Record-breaking LAC!

The Leadership & Advocacy Conference held April 27-29 in Washington, DC had over 500 total participants, and more than 300 meetings with Congressional members and staff. This is the highest attendance since before the pandemic.

• Response to ACGME Proposed Changes to EM Program Requirements

ACEP cast a wide net in collecting feedback from members. Read about

ACEP’s response here: <https://www.acep.org/news/acep-newsroom-articles/ACEP-Response-to-ACGME-Proposed-Changes-to-EM-Program-Requirements>

• Executive Search

The search process for the next ACEP Executive Director continues to progress and is anticipated to be completed this summer.

• Big Names, Big News at ACEP25!

– ACEP25 will be held September 7-10 in Salt Lake City, UT ([acep.org/sa](https://www.acep.org/sa)). The hotel block and registration are open!

– ACEP is excited to welcome “The Pitt” star Noah Wyle, along with writer and producer Joe Sachs, MD, FACEP, and medical advisor Mel Herbert, MD, FACEP, for an exclusive panel discussion at ACEP25! Promo codes are still available to save \$100 off registration that includes this look at how they capture the chaos, intensity,

and humanity of the ED with stunning realism and why the show has deeply resonated with emergency physicians across the country.

– Olympic Gold Medal-winning figure skater, Scott Hamilton, will deliver the General Session Keynote address, “I’m a Healer – Finding Strength and Purpose Amidst Challenges.”

WHAT’S NEXT...

The ACEP Board meets in June 2025 at ACEP Headquarters in Dallas.

Your continued PACEP and ACEP membership and engagement are appreciated!

As always, please reach out with questions, comments, or other feedback to me at ckraus@acep.org. Your input matters and the Board is listening to you!

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you on the ACEP Board. ■

Title	Type	Action
Clinical Policies		
Clinical Policy on Endotracheal Intubation in the ED	New	Approved
Clinical Policy on Thoracic Aortic Dissection	Revised	Approved
Policy Statements		
Availability of Diagnostic Resources 24/7 to Support Emergency Care	New	Approved
Protection of Emergency Physicians from Coercion in Patient Transfers ¹	New	Approved
Providing Telephone Advice from the Emergency Department	Revised	Approved
Sharing Patient Medical Information by Telephone for Treatment Purposes	New	Approved
Pediatric Readiness in the ED	Revised	Approved
Point-of-Care Ultrasonography by Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physicians	Reaffirmed	Approved
School Bus Safety	Revised	Approved
Resident Moonlighting in the Emergency Department ²	New	Approved
Unsupervised Practice of EM by Non-Physicians	Revised ³	Approved
Treating Physician Determines Patient Stability ⁴	New	Approved
Medical Cannabis	Revised	Approved
Violence-Free Society	Revised	Returned for revisions

PACEP Education Committee Update

By Jason R. Burkett, DO, FACEP



Jason Burkett, DO, FACEP
PACEP Education Committee Chair

First and foremost, on behalf of Alexandra Amaducci and I, we would like to express a sincere thanks to everyone who attended the PACEP SA25 “Trauma In EM” conference at Kalahari Resort last month. We are thrilled to have had a record attendance that totaled over 300 registrants and to have also seen a record number of vendors and exhibitors join us this year. There was a palpable excitement for emergency medicine and this opportunity to gather for educational content, the residents’ PACEP Olympics, hands-on ultrasound and procedural skill-building sessions, presentations of research and interesting clinical cases, professional and social networking, celebrations of many whose contributions to emergency medicine mean so much, and more.

Specifically, I would like to thank and recognize Kalahari Resorts & Conventions for hosting our conference and all of the fantastic vendors for their support. Special thanks to Chris Wilson, MD, FACEP and Alexandra Amaducci,

DO, FACEP (Chair and Co-Chair of the Education Committee) for their leadership this past year and to Brenda Dill (PACEP Executive Director) who graciously and enthusiastically stepped into a major role with us. I’d also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Holly Stankiewicz, MD, FACEP (PACEP Olympics), Julie Tondt, DO and Katie FitzGibbon, MD (PACEP Image Gallery), Alexandra Amaducci, DO, FACEP (Wuerz CPC Competition & Keystone Case Competition), Eric Melnychuk, DO, FACEP, Bryan Kane, MD, FACEP, Joseph Herres, DO, FACEP and Adam Sigal, MD, FACEP (Spivey Research Competition). These activities within the PACEP SA truly make it stand out. Finally, thanks to all of those who contributed their time and expertise to providing the outstanding educational content of the lectures.

In the year ahead, I hope to build upon what we’ve accomplished in the past and place a renewed emphasis on engaging our members in the work of the Education Committee. We will maintain our commitment to developing and hosting a robust scientific assembly, work to showcase the many incredible training opportunities that exist in Pennsylvania for medical students near and far, continue building our social media presence, engage with our Medical Student Council to facilitate and provide valuable expert commentary and contributions to the journal club and lecture series, and support the continued efforts and successes of our regional Residents Days. There is plenty more on the horizon and we need and welcome your involvement!

Keep in mind the following dates as we embark on another successful year for PACEP and the community of emergency medicine:

- **Central PA Residents Day**
October 8, 2025 at Penn State Hershey Medical Center
- **Eastern PA Residents Day**
October 2025 at location TBD
- **PACEP SA26**
April 30 to May 2, 2026 at Kalahari Resort, Pocono Manor, PA

PACEP will once again host its annual virtual residency fair this Fall. This continues to be a great opportunity for medical students regionally, nationally, and internationally to learn about Pennsylvania’s emergency medicine training programs and interact with residents and faculty from each of these institutions. Be on the lookout for the date and more information regarding registering your program for this event. ■

Congratulations to ACEP's newest Fellows from Pennsylvania!

- Zach Dewar, MD, FACEP
- Megan L. Hilbert, MD, FACEP
- Julie Tondt, MD, FACEP



Are you ready to become a Fellow?

You'll need:

- Three continuous years of ACEP membership
- Board Certification in EM via the ABEM or AOBEM or Pediatric EM by ABP
- Three years of active involvement in EM (exclusive of residency training)
- Proven, active involvement in three or more areas of leadership

To learn more visit:

<https://www.acep.org/acep-membership/membership/join-acep/fellow-status>

If you are not a Fellow...

I would personally like to invite you to apply for fellow status in the American College of Emergency Physicians. If you've graduated from residency three years ago or more and you've been active in Emergency Medicine – it's time to consider being recognized as FACEP. Active involvement in the specialty at your hospital, involvement in three areas of leadership (such as membership on hospital committees, teaching, research, administrative, EMS, or PACEP), and board-certification is all you need to become a fellow of the College. Why bother you say? FACEP

shows your colleagues in Emergency Medicine, and more importantly, in other specialties that you interact with, that Emergency Medicine is more than just a job for you - it shows that you're a highly trained specialist with a skill set second to none. Apply by August 15 and you will be able to use the FACEP designation following your induction at the Convocation during ACEP's Scientific Assembly (SA) the last weekend of September. All newly elected FACEPs will also receive an official Fellow certificate after ACEP's Scientific Assembly.

[APPLY NOW](#) and take full advantage of your ACEP membership and receive the recognition you deserve!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Savino".

Jennifer L. Savino, DO, FACEP
Immediate Past President,
Pennsylvania College of
Emergency Physicians



Wellness Committee Update: "Physician, heal yourself"

By Michelle Appel, MD



Michelle Appel, MD
PACEP Wellness Committee Co-Chair

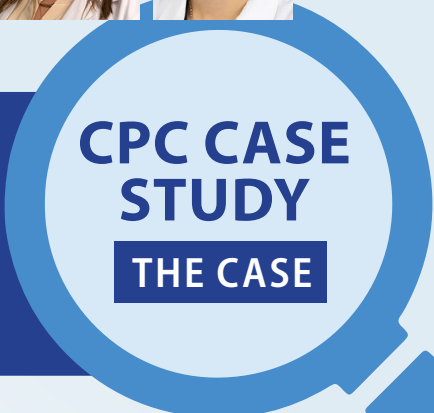
I never expected my father to have a stroke at the age of 66, especially while playing pickleball. It's been a challenge managing his care as POA, especially while living four hours away with a full-time job and my young family. I first made the drive down to Northern Virginia in mid-April, and was in the midst of tests, procedures, paperwork, and phone calls. It just so happened to coincide with peak bloom for the cherry blossoms, and, despite growing up in the DC area, I had never seen them. One very early morning, my med-school friend and I took the Metro to the Tidal Basin and watched the sunrise. The cherry blossoms, a symbol of beauty and life's fragility, danced in the wind as people took photos and strolled about. It was a peaceful and restorative reprieve from the storm of a family crisis.

My father is now doing well back at his home, continuously improving with the help of family, friends, home aides, and therapy. Life will not be the same, but in some ways, it has actually been better. He and I have spent more time together these past few weeks than we have in years. We are striving to build happy memories as we adjust to his new normal. In the midst of it all, I am continually reassuring myself that self-care is healthy and important. It can be difficult not to feel guilty or selfish for taking time to read a book, take a nap, or go on a run, especially when it seems like life is overwhelming. Luke 4:23 said "Physician, heal yourself", a reminder that we must strive to care for ourselves as much as we tend to our patients and loved ones. On behalf of the PACEP Wellness committee, I encourage you to do something kind for yourself this week, your health matters too. ■



What is the Diagnosis?

A special thank you to Alexandra Amaducci, DO for organizing this year's CPC competition during the PACEP25 Scientific Assembly. Congratulations to this year's first place winners – Ashley Schultz, MD from St. Luke's University Health Network for submitting the case and being the resident presenter, and Jennifer Spinozzi, MD at Geisinger Medical Center for being the attending discussant.



CPC CASE STUDY

THE CASE

35-year-old G2P2002 female with a recent c-section and bilateral salpingectomy 1 month ago presents with 24 hours of gradually worsening shortness of breath. The SOB is worse with exertion and never completely resolves. Associated symptoms include: palpitations, mild headache, generalized weakness and fatigue. The patient is currently breastfeeding.

Past Medical History: MVC in 2009 with c5 vertebral fracture, transient tracheostomy and resultant paroxysmal vocal cord paralysis and baseline hoarse voice, GERD, anxiety, chronic low back pain

Past Surgical History: C-section with bilateral salpingectomy 1 month ago, tracheostomy 2009

Daily Medications: cyclobenzaprine, prenatal vitamins

No known drug allergies

Social History: does not smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs

Vital Signs: HR 150 bpm, RR 26 breaths per minute, SpO2 97%, BP 164/90 mmHg, Temp 97.7 deg F

Physical Exam:

General: well developed, obese, + **acute distress**
HEENT: MMM, PERRL, oropharynx clear with no erythema or edema, uvula midline
Neck: supple, normal ROM, no tenderness, no stridor, **hoarse voice**

Heart: **tachycardic** and regular, no rubs, gallops or murmurs

Lungs: **tachypneic with increased WOB**, clear to auscultation

Abdomen: soft, nontender, nondistended, c-section incision c/d/i

Extremities: no swelling or tenderness to palpation

Musculoskeletal: no deformities or swelling, no tenderness to palpation

Skin: No rashes or wounds on exposure

Neuro: CN II- XII intact, strength and sensation in b/l UE and LE, grossly intact, coordination intact with finer to nose, normal mentation

Psych: **Anxious appearing**

POCUS: bilateral lung sliding. No obvious B lines or pleural effusions. Grossly normal EF. No RV or LV dilation. No pericardial effusion

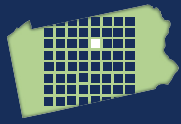
Pertinent Labs:

- WBC 15.12
- Co2 6
- Anion Gap 17
- Urinalysis: 100 (2+) nitrites, large ketones, protein/creatinine ratio: 3.22

What test will make the diagnosis?

What is the final diagnosis?

see conclusion on page 30



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PACEP 25

SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY

PACEP25 Highlights

This year's PACEP Scientific Assembly was a huge success! We broke our attendance record with 315 registrants! Our expert faculty came to Kalahari from across the state to deliver over 17 hours of CME credits. The exhibit hall was bustling with 25 exhibitors and our 10 conference sponsors – we thank them for their support of PACEP and the Scientific Assembly. And, the competitive spirit shined through PACEP Olympics, CPC Competition, Keystone Case Competition and Image Gallery!

Warm smiles and open arms greeted us every day. We saw old colleagues, made new friends and expanded our networks. We left inspired, energized and prepared to deliver the best care possible to our patients.

Our work now is to mark the calendar for 2026 and spread the word that everyone needs to make it to next year's PACEP Scientific Assembly! Join us at Kalahari, April 30-May 2, 2026!



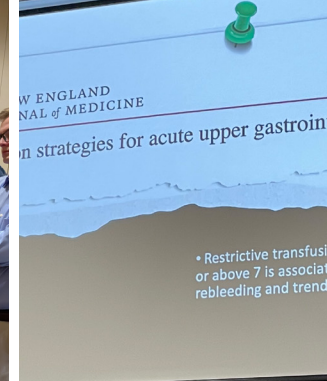
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Olympics



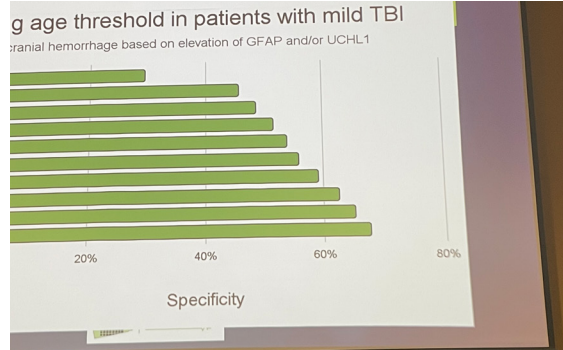
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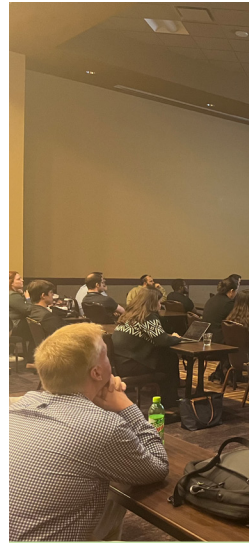
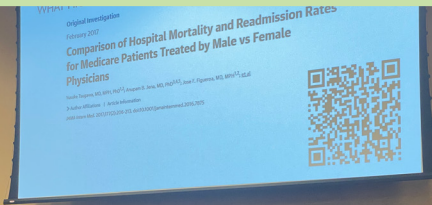
Young Physician Reception



Education



Women in Medicine Breakfast



Case Presentations and Spivey



Social Networking



Business Meeting





Awards Reception



Exhibits



PACEP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(02/23/25 – 05/09/25)

ADVOCACY

- Hosted second Coffee Talk event
- Attended legislative reception for Rep. Venkat
- Collected preliminary data for ACEP public policy grant on pediatric boarding
- Achieved PEP-PAC fundraising goal at PACEP25
- Successful LAC by PACEP delegation
- Completed first training for LCB grant on prevention of underage drinking

EDUCATION

- Successful PACEP25 Scientific Assembly
- Successful PACEP Olympics
- Publishing of Spivey abstracts in *JACEP Open*

GOVERNANCE

- Hired new executive director
- Successful board transition
- Passed PACEP bylaws revisions
- Returning to normal PACEP operations

ENGAGEMENT

- Engaged with new PACEP MSC leadership and defined plans for 2025-26
- Awarded inaugural Train in PA grants
- Continued growth of PACEP social media



PennState Health



Penn State Health Emergency Medicine

About Us: Penn State Health is a multi-hospital health system serving patients and communities across central Pennsylvania. We are the only medical facility in Pennsylvania to be accredited as a Level I pediatric trauma center and Level I adult trauma center. The system includes Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Penn State Health Children’s Hospital and Penn State Cancer Institute based in Hershey, Pa.; Penn State Health Hampden Medical Center in Enola, Pa.; Penn State Health Holy Spirit Medical Center in Camp Hill, Pa.; Penn State Health Lancaster Medical Center in Lancaster, Pa.; Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center in Reading, Pa.; Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, a specialty provider of inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services, in Harrisburg, Pa.; and 2,450+ physicians and direct care providers at 225 outpatient practices. Additionally, the system jointly operates various healthcare providers, including Penn State Health Rehabilitation Hospital, Hershey Outpatient Surgery Center and Hershey Endoscopy Center.

We foster a collaborative environment rich with diversity, share a passion for patient care, and have a space for those who share our spark of innovative research interests. Our health system is expanding and we have opportunities in both academic hospital as well community hospital settings.

Benefit highlights include:

- Competitive salary with sign-on bonus
- Comprehensive benefits and retirement package
- Relocation assistance & CME allowance
- Attractive neighborhoods in scenic central Pennsylvania



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Tickborne Disease Study: Your Input is Needed!

As we know, Pennsylvania has a high prevalence of tickborne diseases. PACEP is helping the Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-borne Diseases: Training & Evaluation Center collect information to develop tickborne disease clinical education for the emergency medicine community in the region. Please consider participating in their 7-minute survey. All responses are anonymous and will be kept confidential. [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

NEVBD-TEC has also partnered with ACEP chapters in New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut and West Virginia.

This project is led by investigators at Cornell University Department of Entomology and the MaineHealth Institute for Research Vector Ecology Lab. The Cornell University Institutional Review Board has approved this survey (IRB0148926). Should you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact project administrator, Emily Mader, at emm367@cornell.edu.



Do you treat tick bites?

We are doing an evaluation study to learn about training needs for tickborne disease diagnosis and management in the Northeast

If you are a medical provider working in an emergency medicine setting, we want to hear from you!

Participation includes completing a brief, 10-minute survey that asks about tickborne disease clinical scenarios and your preferences for continuing medical education programs.

Survey participants can enter a raffle for a \$100 gift card.

Take Our Survey!

TAKE SURVEY



This study is being conducted through the Cornell University Department of Entomology and MaineHealth Institute for Research. IRB0148926.

Did you know PACEP has a Job Bank?




Learn more about [open positions](#) on the PACEP website.

CURRENT POSTINGS INCLUDE:

- [New – Emergency Medicine Physician – Penn Highlands DuBois](#)
- [Emergency Medicine System Quality Director in Pittsburgh, PA](#)
- [Emergency Medicine Medical Director in Monroeville, PA](#)
- [Emergency Medicine Physician in Clarion, PA](#)

If you have a position to advertise – think PACEP! Learn more about [advertising opportunities](#) on the PACEP website.

The Conclusion:



**CPC CASE
STUDY**
RESULTS

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CPC Case Results:

- Test to order: Beta hydroxybutyrate

The Final Diagnosis:

- Lactation Ketoacidosis

Patient Course & Relevance to EM

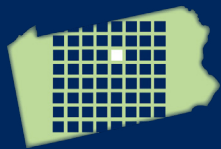
- The patient was on a ketogenic diet and lactating
- Rare cause of post-partum dyspnea
- Difficult to diagnose, straight-forward to treat
- Early treatment is key to avoid further acidosis
- Treatment similar to alcoholic ketoacidosis with dextrose, refeeding, fluids and trending labs
- Continue to breastfeed



Who We Are

Embracing the details of every connection, we create a world where the union of science and care knows no bounds. From donors to patients, doctors to specialized pharmacists, even molecules to cells, we believe in the power of rare connections to impact millions of lives.





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