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President's Message

Arkansas ACEP Members,

During our most recent chapter annual meeting, we discussed different ways that we can do more for chapter members, how to support each other, and how we can collaborate with the residency programs and medical schools across our rural state.

One of the topics that were discussed was the increase of chapter dues. A vote took place during the annual meeting by all chapter members that were present to increase chapter dues from \$100 to \$150. The last time dues were increased was in 2008. The new rate will be more comparable to other small state chapters, yet still significantly lower than most.

Currently, the chapter has 53 Medical Students, 51 Residents, 7 Life Members, 1 Retired Member, and 101 Regular Members. At present, this dues increase will affect Regular, Retired, and Life Members.

What is a Life or Retired member?

Life Member

Any regular member who has been a member of the College for a minimum of 30-years in any class shall be assigned to life status and members in this Life Category are usually still working full time seeing patients.

Retired Member

Any member who has retired from medical practice and is no longer seeing patients, may upon application to the Board of Directors, be elected to retired membership.

This dues increase will provide some equity between a few member categories with the objective of increasing more legislative initiatives and additional chapter goals to improve Emergency Medicine in Arkansas. The Chapter Board will continue to diligently do what is best for its members and Emergency Medicine in Arkansas.

Should you want to discuss these dues changes in more detail, please contact the chapter.

Your experience is valued, and we appreciate your continued membership!

Resident Corner Anjali Patel, MD

Welcome to the Resident Corner of the AR ACEP Chapter newsletter! I want to introduce myself first since this is my first article as the new Resident Representative from UAMS. My name is Anjali Patel, currently a PGY1 at UAMS Emergency Medicine Residency Program.



I had lived much of my life in India before moving to Hope, Arkansas. After finishing high school in Arkansas.

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I am extremely excited to be the Resident Representative from UAMS. I believe that residents are an integral part of our state's Emergency care. In a few short months as a resident, I have already heard several new ideas and innovations from residents on improving care throughout our hospital and beyond.

We face a unique challenge in our state with several underserved regions. Sharing ideas through avenues such as ARACEP that provide a way for us to connect and share the different challenges facing both our rural and urban hospitals. I am elated to work with our colleagues from throughout the state and bring a new perspective to the residents.

Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions, ideas, etc. I welcome suggestions on resident involvement in working together with our colleagues throughout the state.

I am looking forward to working with the AR ACEP chapter members to continue to provide the best care for Arkansans!

Social Media Corner Jessica Shenoi, MD



My name is Jessica Shenoi, and I'm a PGY-1 in Emergency Medicine at UAMS and the Social Media Ambassador for the Arkansas ACEP Chapter! We are so passionate about Emergency Medicine and healthcare in Arkansas.

Below are all the important accounts you should know:

Emergency Docs

Twitter: [@EmergencyDocs](#)
Facebook: [EmergencyPhysicians.org](#)

CORD

Twitter: [@cord_em](#)
Facebook: [Cordem.org](#)

EMRA

Twitter: [@emresidents](#)
Facebook: [EM Residents](#)

JACEP

Twitter: [@JACEPOpen](#)
Facebook: [Jacepopen](#)

National ACEP

Twitter: [@acepnow](#)
Facebook: [ACEP Fan](#)
Instagram: [@acepnation](#)
Linkedin: [American College of Emergency Physicians](#)

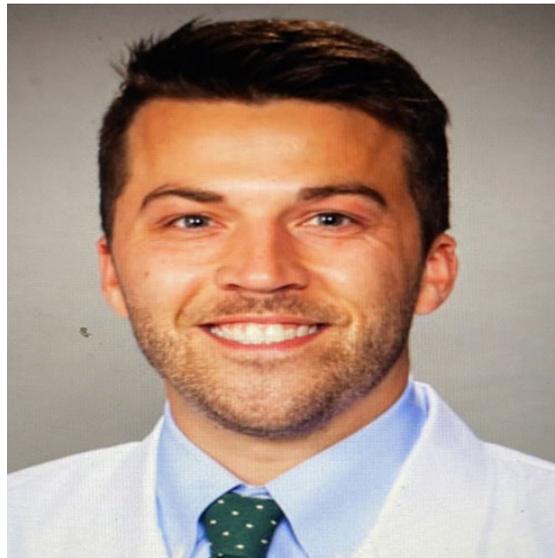
Here you'll find posts, news, photos, and information all about our chapter and Emergency Medicine in general. Give us a follow, shout out, retweet, question, food for thought... we welcome it all and you might even get featured! Medical students all over Arkansas are involved with this.

We are thrilled to have Jonathan Isenberg from ARCOM, Rachael Simmons from NYITCOM, and Ethan Clement from UAMS as part of the Social Media team. We'll be showcasing them on our accounts soon. For now, read more about the team below. In the meantime, give us a follow and stay tuned!

Jonathan Isenberg

I am the Arkansas ACEP Medical Student Representative from Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM). Prior to medical school, I was an RN in the ED for 7 years throughout north Texas. I chose to get into medicine because I wanted to increase my knowledge and scope of care to better serve patients.

I love the diversity of acuity and cases seen within Emergency Medicine and hope to become a knowledgeable and caring EM physician some day!



Twitter - [@Jon_Isenberg](#)

Rachael Simmons



I am a 2nd-year medical student at NYITCOM in Jonesboro, AR. I am 41 years old, mother of 4-children (23-years to 3-years old). I have been married to my husband Casey for 12-years.

I have been a nationally registered paramedic since 2001 and a registered nurse since 2008.

I have worked as a paramedic in rural and urban areas in 3 states (including Little Rock, AR), and most of my time as a nurse was spent working in the emergency department.

I have a passion for emergency medicine and intend to pursue emergency medicine as my specialty. I am currently the vice president of the emergency medicine student interest group on campus and the ACEP AR chapter medical student representative for NYITCOM.

Twitter - [@Doc2024Simmons](#)
Instagram - [@rsimmons1107](#)
Facebook - facebook.com/rachael.c.simmons

Welcome New Members!

A special welcome to the new members of the Arkansas 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!

Alfred Nesaraj, DO
Andrew B. Starnes
Benjamin D. Williams, MD
Gage Brummer, MD
Garrett Michael Frazier
James Christian, MD
Jessica Shenoi, MD

Kevan Elizabeth Meadors, MD
Lee Garrett Wilbur, MD
Robert P. McDonald, MD
Sharyn Geis, DO
Sherry D. Turner, DO
Wun C. Augustin, DO

Did you Know?

Did you know that National ACEP continually cares about your well-being, education, & strives to find ways to make your practice of emergency medicine easier? Click below to see more details.

[Bedside Tool - Hyper K](#)
[#BikERdocs](#)
[Low-RISK DVT](#)

Follow us on Social Media!



FROM NATIONAL ACEP



ACEP Resources & Latest News

Black History Month: Don't miss this week's *Frontline* episode featuring [Dr. Ray Johnson and Dr. Sandra Coker discussing their experiences](#) working in EM. Dr. Coker founded the Black Girl White Coat nonprofit, and Dr. Johnson's been a leader in EM for more than 30 years. Find more BHM22 resources related to this year's theme, [Black Health & Wellness](#).

Get New [Point-of-Care Tools](#) in emPOC App

Advocacy:

South Dakota scored an important [scope of practice victory](#) (2/23/22)

[ACEP applauds the Texas court ruling](#) that the No Surprises Act implementation fails to follow the letter of the law. The concerns validated by this ruling are some of those shared by ACEP, ASA and ACR in a [separate lawsuit](#) currently in a Chicago district court (2/24/22). Amplify on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#).

- **The No Surprises Act:** [What You Need to Know](#)

ACEP Applauds Passage of Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act: On Feb. 17, 2022, the Senate passed the ACEP-supported "[Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act](#)" (H.R. 1667) by voice vote. It now heads to President Biden for his signature into law. [Read the full press release](#) and [additional background](#) about ACEP's efforts to develop and progress this bill through the legislative process.

ACEP and EMRA Send Workforce Statement to Senate HELP

Committee: ACEP partnered with EMRA to submit a statement for the record for a Senate HELP Committee hearing on workforce shortages (2/11/22). [Read more](#)

Regulatory Updates:

- [ACEP Provides Feedback on New Emergency Medicine Cost Measure](#) (2/24/22)
- [CDC Releases Long-Awaited Revised Opioid Prescribing Guideline: Open for Public Comment](#) (2/17/22)
- [The Flip Side of the Coin: A Look at the Increase in Health Insurer Consolidation](#) (2/10/22)
- [Update on ACEP Actions to Address Physician Mental Health Needs and Wellbeing](#) (2/3/22)
- [Recent Federal Efforts to Address Provider Consolidation](#) (1/27/22)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

April 11-12: [Virtual Advanced Pediatric EM Assembly](#)

April 1 – May 31: [ED Directors Academy, Phase I](#)

April 15: Deadline to apply for [ACEP Teaching Awards](#)

May 1-3: [Leadership & Advocacy Conference](#) - **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

May 15: Deadline to apply for [ACEP committee involvement](#)

May 18: Deadline for submissions to the [ACEP22 Research Forum](#)

May 23-25: [SIM Training Course](#)

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