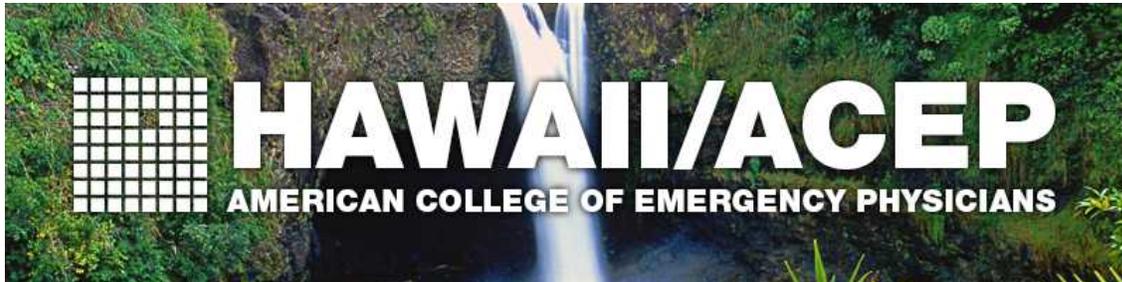


A Newsletter for the Members of the Hawaii Chapter

Fall 2017



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## **From the President** **Paul Eakin, MD, FACEP**

Aloha Hawaii ACEP Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that we are in the midst of the Holiday season. Seems like the Holidays come sooner every year. As I reflect back on 2017, it has been a very eventful year. Many of you were able to attend our 4th annual Leadership Summit where the main topics were Advanced Diagnostic Protocols and Emerging Infectious Diseases. Once again, it was an excellent opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from other Emergency Departments across the state to help improve Emergency care in Hawaii.

In late October, ACEP17 was held in Washington DC, and I'm sure many of you were able to attend as well. It was a fantastic conference and always meaningful to see and interact with friends we haven't seen for a while. Thanks also to Mark Baker and Jason Fleming who represented Hawaii ACEP at the Council Meeting.

A highlight for me was "White Coat Day" on the Hill, where ACEP arranges for meetings with our legislators from Hawaii. It was a valuable opportunity to discuss what is truly important to us as Emergency Physicians both on a national and local level. Meeting our Hawaii State Representative Colleen Hanabusa and her Chief of Staff Michael Formby was a pleasure, as well.

Thank you again for all you do and thank you for working hard during this busy holiday season. We are here to serve you, so please let me know how I can help you.

Mahalo,  
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**2017 Council Meeting:**

Mahalo to Mark Baker and Jason Fleming, who represented the Hawaii Chapter at this year's Council Meeting. This year, Hawaii introduced a resolution on the need for a Clinical Effectiveness Committee. Jason gave a great opening statement supporting the need for this committee. There were comments, both positive and negative, with concern about the cost of having such a committee being one of the negatives. Kevin Klauer recommended referring the resolution to the Board. Mark responded that any cost would be well worth the savings, and that there was no existing ACEP source that defined cost effective quality care.

There was a presentation related to current political events, in particular, balance billing. A discussion followed about state level balance billing issues. ACEP has a [tool kit that can be downloaded](#). Fair Health is the best database of charges.

If you have any questions about the Council Meeting, please contact [Mark Baker](#) or [Jason Fleming](#).



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## Choosing Wisely Champions Awards:

ACEP has joined the Choosing Wisely Champions program, an initiative launched by the ABIM Foundation to highlight individual clinicians, or teams of clinicians, who are going above and beyond to make significant contributions to advance the ideals of Choosing Wisely.

The Choosing Wisely Champions program seeks to:

Recognize individual clinicians for their contributions to the campaign;  
Inspire clinicians seeking to implement Choosing Wisely in their own practice;  
Demonstrate how clinicians are driving change in health care; and  
Help clinicians lean from one another by highlighting exemplars.

This year's winners were honored at ACEP17. Hawaii ACEP's Mark Baker was the recipient of one of the 3 awards:

Resident winner: Christina Creel-Bulos, Washington University in St. Louis

Individual faculty winner: Mark Baker, Pali Momi Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

Group winner: Hackensack University Medical and Trauma Center, Dr. Kevin Hewitt (Chairman, Dept. of Emergency Medicine), Dr. Gregory Nicola (Attending Physician, Dept. of Radiology), Dr. Gabrielle Procopio, PharmD (Residency Director, Dept. Pharmacy), Dr. Jennifer Artick (Emergency Medicine Chief Resident), and Dr. David Zodda (Assistant Resident Director, Dept. of Emergency Medicine)

Congratulations, Mark, and all the other recipients!!!

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## **Congratulations to the Nakamura Family!:**

Congratulations to Takashi Nakamura and his wife, who welcomed their second child on October 7 – son Julian, who joined his older sister Kylie. Blessings to you all!

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## **2018 Annual Meeting and Dinner, Save the Date:**

The 2018 Hawaii ACEP Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Our Keynote Speaker will be National ACEP President Paul D. Kivela, MD, MBA, FACEP, who will speak on the topic "So You Want To Get Paid: How Emergency Physicians Get Paid and a Current Update of the Laws and Regulations and Strategies to Ensure Fair Payment." We will notify you soon with the location of the May 9 event. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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## 2018 Hawaii ACEP Emergency Department Leadership Summit:

Please mark your calendars for the 5th annual Hawaii ACEP Emergency Department Leadership Summit, which will be held at the Queen's Conference Center on Monday, September 10, 2018, rooms 200 and 203. Look for more details to be coming soon, and let us know if you have any questions or suggestions for this important meeting.

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## Hawaii ACEP Board Meetings:

The Hawaii ACEP Board meetings are held every other month. Hawaii ACEP members are welcome to attend the Board meetings – please contact us in advance if you are interested. For more information on the meetings, contact [Debbie](#). Upcoming Board meetings will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, January 24, 2018; Wednesday, March 28, 2018; Wednesday, May 9, 2018; Wednesday, July 25, 2018; Wednesday, September 26, 2018, and Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Visit our [Hawaii ACEP web site](#) to view or download past issues of our [Hawaii ACEP e-newsletter](#).

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## UH JABSOM Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG):

EMIG encourages interested medical students to gain as much exposure and knowledge about Emergency Medicine as they can by offering workshops, physician shadowing, research opportunities, and volunteer activities. Hawaii ACEP members are encouraged to participate whenever possible to mentor what will be the next generation of emergency physicians. Visit the [EMIG website](#) or contact the EMIG group [via email](#).

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**State Legislative Issues for 2018**  
**by Harry J. Monroe, Jr.**  
**ACEP Director, Chapter and State Relations**

Two years after the nearly miraculous successful retreat by the British army from Dunkirk, Prime Minister Winston Churchill remarked on the first actual British victory of the war by declaring, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

We may be at a similar point in our legislative battles over balance billing and out of network reimbursement. In many states, policymakers that have been considering the issue for multiple sessions will look to address the issue once and for all. Thus, it will be important that we stand ready to engage an issue that continues to pose a threat to our specialty and most importantly, access to care for our patients. Certainly, we want to be paid fairly, but we also want to focus on making sure that insurer practices are not causing patients to delay receiving emergency care out of uncertainty as to what the insurer will pay.

ACEP has developed, and is continuing to refine, resources to help states engaging this issue. On [our website](#) you will find numerous documents that will be of help in working on this issue, including talking points, copies of written testimony produced in a number of states, information on why Medicare is not a sound benchmark for determining reimbursement, and many other materials. I would encourage you to take a look.

Additionally, we have worked hard over the last two years to build relationships with other specialty societies and the AMA, based on shared consensus principles and solutions documents that are included on the website, that have helped us collaborate on these issues. In most states that we have engaged, the national collaboration has helped with building alliances at the state level, with the result that the house of medicine has been largely united in our response to legislation. In addition to fighting off bad legislation, we have looked for opportunities to promote positive legislation on the issue, and model legislation has been developed to that end. In addition, to our collaboration with other specialties, another outside organization, Physicians for Fair Coverage, has been formed and has helped to provide and coordinate resources in this fight.

At the time of this writing, we are also working on developing regional teams of experts that can help provide assistance in terms of legislative interpretation, understanding financial impacts, and advocacy. These should be in place by the time 2018 sessions begin.

We believe that as many as 25 states will see significant efforts by legislatures to address balance billing and out of network legislation this year. If you are facing it in your state, reach out to me [via email](#) or at 972-550-0911, ext. 3204.

In addition to balance billing and out of network issues, there will be many other important

issues to address in the coming year. The prudent layperson standard remains under attack in many places by both Medicaid and commercial payers. The opioid epidemic continues to be a critical public policy concern. Of course, what the federal government does about health care, and how that filters down to the state level, promises to require our attention. This will be a busy year at the state house!



## **ACEP – You make 50 look good!**

As we wind down 2017, we kick off a year-long celebration of ACEP's 50th anniversary starting January 2018. Plan to participate in social media campaigns that highlight the highs, lows and life-changing moments in EM. Get hyped for a historical timeline following the history of our specialty as well as anniversary-themed podcasts. Watch for anniversary editions of ACEP Now and Medicine's Frontline in addition to proclamations from members of Congress and sister medical societies. Don't forget to order copy of our commemorative coffee table book featuring the breath-taking photographs that capture a day in the life of emergency physicians collected by famed photographer Eugene Richards. [Book tickets now to ACEP18](#) and our blow-out anniversary celebration in San Diego featuring an interactive history museum showcasing the journey of emergency medicine from battlefield to inner city to rural America to every spot in between.

As we enter 2018, we begin the celebration of 50 years of life saving and boundary pushing. Are you on call for 50 more?

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**Show Your Commitment to High Standards for Clinical  
Ultrasound**

You have the highest standards when it comes to your clinical ultrasound program. Show that commitment to your patients, your hospital, and your payers with ACEP's Clinical Ultrasound Accreditation Program (CUAP). ACEP's [CUAP](#) is the only accreditation program specifically for the bedside, clinician-performed and interpreted ultrasound. Now also available - accreditation for non-ED clinical settings, including freestanding EDs, urgent care centers and clinics. [Apply Today!](#)

Ensure safety and efficacy of patient care

Meet ACEP's high standards for point-of-care delivery

Use your own policies or draw from expert-reviewed sample documents

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## Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation Program

ACEP is gearing up to accredit geriatric emergency departments. The [Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation Program](#) will be accepting applications after the first of the year. There will be 3 levels of accreditation ranging from a minimal commitment to better elder care to a comprehensive well-rounded robust program. Accreditation shows your patients, your institution and your payers that your ED is ready to provide care to seniors and is a quality program that meets the high standards of the American College of Emergency Physicians. [Find out more.](#)

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## Articles of Interest in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*

**Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP**

**ACEP Associate Executive Director, Practice, Policy and Academic Affairs**

ACEP would like to provide you with very brief synopses of the latest articles in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. Some of these have not appeared in print. These synopses are not meant to be thorough analyses of the articles, simply brief introductions. Before incorporating into your practice, you should read the entire articles and interpret them for your specific patient population. [Read More.](#)

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## Policy Statements and PREPs Approved by the ACEP Board

The following policy statements and PREPs were approved by the ACEP Board of Directors at their October 2017 meeting.

### Policy Statements

[Medical Transport Advertising, Marketing, and Brokering](#) – revised

[Clinical Emergency Data Registry Quality Measures](#) – new

[Mechanical Ventilation](#) – new

[Hospital Disaster Physician Privileging](#) – revised

[Unsolicited Medical Personnel Volunteering at Disaster Scenes](#) – revised

[Sub-dissociative Dose Ketamine for Analgesia](#) – new

Writing Admission and Transition Orders – revised

[The Clinical Practice of Emergency Medical Services Medicine](#) – new

[The Role of the Physician Medical Director in EMS Leadership](#) – new

[State Medical Board Peer Review](#) – new

Pediatric Medication Safety in the Emergency Department – new

[Distracted and Impaired Driving](#) – revised

### PREPs

Sub-dissociative Dose Ketamine - new

Writing Admission and Transition Orders – new

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