

Hawaii Chapter Update

A Newsletter for the Members of Hawaii ACEP



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From the President

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To Hawai'i ACEP Chapter members:

Plans for this year's HACEP Annual Meeting and Dinner are firming up, and it promises to be an informative and enjoyable evening for all. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at the Outrigger Canoe Club, a favorite for its tropical elegance and wonderful buffet dinner.

Our keynote speaker for this year's event will be Sandra M. Schneider, MD, FACEP, the new President-Elect of national ACEP, and she will be speaking on the topic of "Health Care Reform." Dr. Schneider is an attending physician at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY, and is a professor of emergency medicine at the University of Rochester. We have received approval from national ACEP for 1 Hour CME.

We are also pleased to announce the local speakers for our event. The speakers will be Jerris Hedges of UH JABSOM, Virginia Pressler of Hawai'i Pacific Health, and Chiyome Fukino of the State Department of Health.

Here is a tentative schedule for this year's event:

- 4:00-4:45pm – Reception – Cocktails and Pupus
- 4:45-5:00pm – Welcome and Introductions
- 5:00-5:30pm – Hawai'i Speakers
- 5:30-6:00pm – National ACEP Updates
- 6:00-7:00pm – Keynote Speaker
- 7:00-9:30pm – Buffet Dinner

Invitations have been mailed out. If you have not already responded, please send in your reservation right away to attend our Annual Meeting and Dinner. Contact [Debbie](#) if you have questions. I'll see you all there! Aloha.



Proposed Amendments to Hawai'i ACEP By-Laws

The following amendments have been proposed to the Hawai'i Chapter By-Laws (revisions are

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bold-faced). This notice was also sent out with the second mailing for the Annual Meeting and Dinner. A vote will be taken of Chapter members present at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2010:

Proposed Amendments:

Article V, Section 1 shall be amended to read as follows:

“There shall be an annual meeting of the Chapter membership. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed or sent electronically to the last recorded address of each member at least sixty (60) days before the time appointed for the meeting (unless otherwise required by law).”

Article V, Section 2, shall be amended to read as follows:

“Regular and special meetings of the Chapter may be held from time to time as determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings shall be mailed or sent electronically to the last recorded address of each member at least sixty (60) days before the time appointed for the meeting, unless otherwise required by law.”

Article VI, Section 2 shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers of the Chapter, the Councilor(s), and four (4) elected Directors. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment of these Bylaws. The President of the Chapter will appoint a student representative to the Board of Directors if so desired.”

Article VI, Section 4 shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Board of Directors shall meet no less than once each year. Notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be sent by mail or electronically to each member of the Board at his or her last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advance of such meetings. Board meetings may be conducted by telephone conference call or other electronic medium. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.”

Article VII, Section I, relating to the election of officers, shall be amended to read:

“The elected officers of the Chapter shall be the President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer, who will be elected for a term of two (2) years. Election shall be by a majority vote of the members voting by mail or electronically as determined by the board. Officers shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms for the same position.”

Article VII, Section III, The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be as follows:
Subsection (b):

“Assist the President with scheduling of meetings at various locations.”



New CME Feature Now Available in Every Newsletter

Originally printed in ACEP News, the “Focus On” series of articles brings the latest literature and best practices to help the busy emergency physician provide the best care possible.

This issue’s topic, **Acute Ischemic Stroke**, will help the physician identify the management steps in treating patients suspected of having AIS, understand the complex issues that determine appropriate candidates to receive thrombolysis, and understand the risks of using rTPA.

[Read the article online and then take the CME quiz.](#)



ACEP LLSA Resource Center Updated to Include 2011 Articles

The ACEP LLSA Resource Center is being updated today with new tools to help you prepare for your annual LLSA tests and maintain your ABEM certification. New today are the 11 articles on the 2011 Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment Reading List, summaries of the articles on the 2010 list, and handouts from lectures on the 2009 list.

The ACEP [LLSA Resource Center](#) is one of the most valuable benefits of your ACEP membership. If you’ve never used it, take a few minutes to do so right now. You’ll find the list of all current readings (the 2008 through 2011 lists), information on the CCME-ACEP program EM:Prep, information on LLSA prep programs hosted by chapters, and links to LLSA-specific pages on the ABEM Web site. Then for ACEP members only is the really good stuff – the articles themselves – all 61 of them, which you won’t find anywhere else all in one place for no extra charge. The members-only area also contains article summaries published in Critical Decisions in Emergency Medicine and the handouts from the LLSA lectures at the 2009 Scientific Assembly.

How can you get it all? Go to the [LLSA Resource Center](#). Click on the links for the information you want. If you want something in the “Resources Available to ACEP Members Only,” you’ll need to log on using your ACEP user name and password. If you’ve never done that before, just follow the instructions on the sign-in page. If you need more help, call ACEP Member Services, 800-798-1822, ext. 5.

And if you have comments, questions, or suggestions for improvement, [e-mail](#).



Hawai`i ACEP Web Site Has a New Look! Mark Baker, Web Master

Hawai`i ACEP is proud to announce that our new website is up and running. Go to <http://hawaiiacep.org/> to see it. The site was built by us in conjunction with National ACEP. It includes information about your local chapter, the annual meeting, legislative issues, board meetings, and other local EM news. On the Hawai`i ACEP News page, you will find a link for members only. This will take you to a Google website that includes discussion boards and other interactive media. If you have ideas for other information to include on the website,

please contact [me](#). Aloha.



Save the Date – Hawaiian Islands Trauma Symposium

The Hawaiian Islands Trauma Symposium, hosted by the Queen's Medical Center, will be held on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24, 2010, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The Emergency medicine speaker will be Neal Richmond from Louisville. He was the medical director for the New York Fire Department and has been in Kentucky for the past 5 years. He is very knowledgeable in EMS and pre-hospital care, as well as emergency medicine and health policy matters. CME credits are pending. For more information, contact [Queen's](#) Office of CME at 537-7009.



Project CARES

"Most cities don't measure their performance effectively, if at all. They don't know how many lives they are losing, so they can't determine ways to increase survival rates." -- Bob Davis, "Six Minutes to Live," USA Today, 2003.

Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) is a pre-hospital disease. CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry for Enhanced Survival) is a registry that is being sponsored by the CDC and being run by an Emergency Physician at Emory University in Atlanta.

CARES:

1. Allows state and local health officials to determine OHCA outcomes & identify high-risk groups and neighborhoods;
2. Enables clinical benchmarking to identify opportunities for improvement and track the diffusion of new therapies;
3. Promotes accountability to improve the quality and impact of pre-hospital care.

Over 30 cities across the US now participate in CARES, and 20 more are in the process of joining CARES, Hawai'i being perhaps the first statewide participant.

The hospitals are all swamped, and nobody wants to do more tedious work. However, the heavy lifting for this project comes from the EMS data entry, and the hospitals only have to answer a maximum of 4 questions:

1. Did the patient die in the ED (if yes, you're done with the data entry)?
2. What was the hospital outcome (if they died in the hospital, you're done)?
3. What was the neuro status of the pt at discharge?
4. Did you use hypothermia?

The answers are done by check box, and all the data is confidential, so no facility can look at another's data. The busiest hospital will have approximately 5 cases per month to enter, and if EMS charts that the patient died in the ED, the hospital doesn't have to enter anything. It really is THAT simple.

Dr. Bryan McNally will be in Hawai'i in April, speaking with the various hospitals and with the nurse managers at the monthly Healthcare Association meeting. If you are asked, please voice support for this project so we can finally have a mechanism to determine how we, as a state, are doing. For more information, contact [Libby Char](#).



Hawai'i ACEP Board Meetings

The Hawai'i ACEP Board meetings are held every other month, on the third Wednesday of the month. Hawai'i ACEP members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. For more information on the meetings, contact [Debbie](#). Upcoming Board meetings will be held on the following dates: July 21, September 15, and November 17.



UH JABSOM Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)

The March 5 dinner at Mark Baker's house was a very successful gathering for the EMIG group. There were about 20 students in attendance, as well as about 15 HACEP docs. EMIG is very grateful to the Hawai'i Chapter for its continued support of medical students interested in emergency medicine. The invitation has gone out to EMIG for the chapter's Annual Meeting and Dinner. Other events for the interest group are tentatively planned for June and either August or September. Please contact emigjabsom@gmail.com to get involved, propose your ideas, or show your support.



Clinical News

U.S. H1N1 Vaccination Patterns Show Marked State Variation

Uptake of the influenza 2009 H1N1 vaccine by the American public showed a striking state-by-state variation, ranging from a high of 39% in Rhode Island to a low of 13% in Mississippi, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported April 1.

[Read the entire article](#)

MRI Helpful in the Diagnosis of Spontaneous Intracerebral Hemorrhage

MR imaging and angiography can be a valuable adjunct for the diagnosis of spontaneous intracerebral hemorrhage, with a diagnostic yield of 42% in a prospective study of 160 patients. "Early routine MRI/MRA has substantial additive clinical benefit in patients who present with spontaneous [intracerebral hemorrhage] and/or [intraventricular hemorrhage], and it does affect management in a substantial subset of patients," Dr. Christine Wijman said at the International Stroke Conference.

[Read the entire article](#)



About The Emergency Medicine Foundation

The Emergency Medicine Foundation (EMF) is the oldest organization with the sole purpose of supporting research and education in the specialty, founded in 1972. EMF continues to fund priorities of the American College of Emergency Physicians. The purpose of the foundation is to serve as a catalyst to advance education and research in emergency medicine. To date, EMF has awarded nearly \$10 million in research awards to advance emergency medicine science and to develop emergency medicine research. For more information, please visit www.emfoundation.org.



Going to the 2010 ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference?

The Emergency Medicine Foundation looks forward to honoring our major donors and Wiegenstein Legacy Society members at this fun event. (By invitation only)

Leadership Appreciation Reception
Sunday, May 16 / 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Petit Plats Restaurant
2653 Connecticut Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20008

If you are interested in becoming a major donor, go to: www.emfoundation.org to make a tax-deductible charitable gift on-line. Proudly underwritten by VidaCare.



Blue Jay Consulting and the Emergency Medicine Foundation Announce The 2010 Emergency Department Director of the Year Winner and Finalists

Blue Jay Consulting and the Emergency Medicine Foundation announced that Dr. Rex G. Mathew of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, in Philadelphia, PA, has been named Emergency Department Director of the Year and honored three additional finalists for the award.

“We are proud to announce that Dr. Rex Mathew was selected as the Emergency Department Director of the Year,” said Mark J. Feinberg, Managing Partner, Blue Jay Consulting. “We received numerous, very impressive nominations and are pleased to honor Dr. Mathew and the finalists for their contributions to their discipline. They labored tirelessly to improve processes, demonstrated a superior level of expertise, and worked with their team to enhance patient care. We look forward to seeing these doctors fulfill their limitless potentials as they continue to provide patients and the hospitals they serve with the utmost efficiency, clinical standards, education and community service.”

This new annual award created by Blue Jay Consulting recognizes current emergency department physician leaders who made significant impacts on improving the operations of his/her departments, resulting in improvements in the quality of patient care. The award winner

and finalists were chosen from nearly 80 nominations from across the country, including some overseas, by a selection panel composed of appointees from Blue Jay Consulting and the Emergency Medicine Foundation.

The winner and finalists demonstrated significant contributions to their emergency department in the following categories: quality patient care, operational effectiveness, education, and community service. They demonstrated collaborative relationships with nursing and ancillary departments to implement and improve operational and clinical standards based on evidence-based practice. They also stood out for their abilities to create and sustain high degrees of patient satisfaction, while implementing creative and innovative strategies to address emergency department throughput.

Linda Lawrence, MD, FACEP, EMF board member, will honor the winner on April 26, 2010, at the American College of Emergency Physicians Emergency Department Director's Academy, Phase II.

This year's winner, Rex G. Mathew, MD, FACEP, is vice president of emergency medicine clinical operations at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Center in Philadelphia. Dr. Mathew displayed his leadership abilities, combined with his clinical knowledge, to work with leaders throughout the hospital to improve care in the emergency department. He fulfills a unique roll for the department and the hospital as both an administrator and a practicing physician. Having his "feet in both doors" has enabled him to make a positive impact on his patients and fellow clinicians. In addition, Dr. Mathew was instrumental in developing many quality improvement projects including the newly accredited Thomas Jefferson Chest Pain Center.

"The emergency department director not only sets the tone and direction for the emergency department, but serves as the point person to satisfy patient's needs and provide safe, quality care," said EMF Chair, Alexander Rosenau, DO, FACEP. "Because the emergency department serves as the safety net for our community, emergency directors' roles are invaluable and a service that the community needs 24/7. We are pleased to honor Dr. Mathew as he demonstrates that emergency medicine is a team sport and provides the quality care that patients come to expect."

The two organizations applauded this year's finalists who are listed alphabetically:

Patrick J. Crocker, DO, MS, FACEP, is the chief, of emergency medicine at Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas in Austin, TX. Dr. Crocker was instrumental in working across disciplines to create the Comfort Zone Program, which addresses the comfort, anxiety and pain perception of patients. In addition, he worked closely with emergency nursing leadership to adopt high standards of professional performance and conduct.

William Dalsey, MD, MBA, FACEP, is the chairman of the department of emergency medicine at Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood, NJ. Dr. Dalsey's collaborative approach to patient care earned Kimball Medical Center top honors for the last five years in patient satisfaction scores by Press Ganey. In addition, Dr. Dalsey and the nurse manager transformed emergency operational efficiency to reduce door-to-doctor times, as well as overall throughput while never compromising quality. His "no wait ED" was one of the first of its kind.

Paul Ernest Pepe, MD, MPH, FACEP, is the chief of emergency services at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Pepe's strong team philosophy stood out in his application. Both he and Jennifer Sharpe, RN, director of nursing, were recognized because they epitomize the work ethic and philosophical temperament that guaranteed the tremendously successful journey to better patient care and enhanced community service at one of the most visible emergency care centers. Dr. Pepe is an award-winning physician who serves as an inspirational mentor.

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