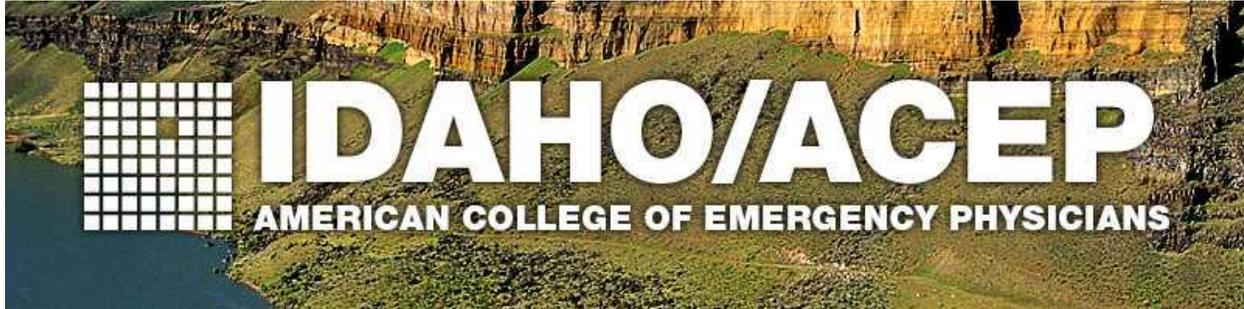


A Newsletter for the Members of the Idaho Chapter - Summer 2021



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**Idaho Doctors Speak Out at Capital in Washington, DC**

Jessica Kroll, MD, Vice President, Idaho College of Emergency Physicians



Dr. Jessica Kroll, Dr. Nicholas Kroll and Dr. Justin Kornick in Washington DC at the LAC

In July, doctors from all over the country gathered at the Leadership and Advocacy Conference (LAC) where 287 meetings were held with legislators and staff from 44 states.

Idaho was represented by me and two other Idaho ER doctors in DC (see photo above) to promote our practice and better care for our patients and selves. The three topics for advocacy were improving addiction treatment, caring for frontline healthcare workers, and avoiding further Medicare cuts.

A huge win came recently with the passing of the "[Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act](#)" S. 610 in the Senate by unanimous consent. At the time of the conference this bill had not yet been passed and our efforts paid off!

Lorna Breen, MD, FACEP died by suicide in April 2020 after treating COVID-19 patients during the first surge in New York City and contracted the virus herself. Her family has advocated for physician mental health and burnout since. This bill helps implement funding and research towards physician burnout and mental health. Last year was unlike any other in our career and self-care is more important than ever. This bill will continue to breakdown stigma and hurdles for us to achieve wellness within our profession.

We asked Congresspeople to eliminate the X-Waiver to help improve drug and treatment in the emergency room. The X-Waiver currently requires additional training to prescribe buprenorphine. Patients who are started on buprenorphine in the emergency department are twice as likely to remain in treatment. ACEP has asked for years to eliminate the X-waiver. The "[Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment \(MAT\) Act](#)" introduced into the House of Representatives would eliminate it.

The last topic was to avoid further Medicare cuts. We will be watching closely how this topic evolves this year and will keep you further informed. [More from ACEP on these 3 issues](#).

As COVID finds a steady state in the coming year, I look forward to finding a time to connect further. Thank you for providing care to our fellow Idahoans during such trying times. Stay healthy and take care.

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### **Welcome New ICEP Members!**

Ryan Jameson Bosler, MD  
Christopher L Erley, MD  
Caleb Marcy  
Cydney Middleton  
Sean Rees, MD, FACEP

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## **FROM NATIONAL ACEP**



## Featured News

### Senate Passes Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act

ACEP is pleased to announce that early Friday morning, the Senate approved S. 610, the "Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act." This comes on the heels of hundreds of ACEP members joining together to lobby for this legislation during last month's Leadership & Advocacy Conference, conducting 287 meetings with legislators and staff from 44 states. [Read more details and view next steps.](#)

### EM Physician Workforce of the Future:

- The EM Workforce Report Session from the recent Leadership & Advocacy Conference [is now available](#). Listen in as ACEP leaders discuss the data & next steps.
- The Young Physicians Section [hosted a Q&A session](#) with ACEP President Elect Dr. Gillian Schmitz and EMRA President Elect Dr. Angela Cai, asking workforce-related questions submitted by YPS members.
- "[The Emergency Medicine Physician Workforce: Projections for 2030](#)" was recently published in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.
- **New ACEP Policy Statement:** [Emergency Medicine Workforce](#)
- Get the latest workforce updates at [www.acep.org/workforce](http://www.acep.org/workforce).

[Resident Voice: Where Medicine and Literature Meet](#) (ACEP Now, July 22)

### New ACEP Policy Statement & Information Paper

- [Definition of Emergency Medicine Residency](#)
- [Medication Therapy for Psychiatric Crisis Events](#)

## COVID-19

### Press Releases:

- [ACEP Urges FDA to Prioritize Emergency Physicians for COVID-19 Booster](#) (August 13)
- [Emergency Physicians to Parents and Students: Prioritize COVID Safety in Back-to-School Plans](#) (August 13)
- [Emergency Physicians Increase their Calls for Concerns around COVID-19 Delta Variant and Support Mandate to Vaccinate Healthcare Workers](#) (July 28)

### **Do You Have a Vaccination Program in Your ED?**

As new variants continue to emerge, there is more urgency to vaccinate as many people as possible against the virus. If you have set up a vaccination program in your ED, [please take a few minutes to complete our survey for national data gathering](#). If you haven't, please consider working with your institution to provide vaccines to appropriate patients who will be discharged from the ED. An [on-demand webinar features ACEP members](#) explaining how they set up vaccine administration programs in their EDs and their lessons learned. And [there are more resources online](#), including helpful tools for addressing vaccine hesitancy.

### **New Podcast: COVID-19 Myth Busting**

ACEP members are all fielding questions and concerns from friends and family. ACEP Frontline host Dr. Ryan Stanton sits down with Dr. Howie Mell to dispel some ongoing myths around vaccines, variants and more. [Share this episode on social media to help us battle disinformation](#).

**New:** [COVID-19 Vaccination Smart Phrase](#)

### **Upcoming Webinars:**

[White House Conversation: Health Systems, Providers and the COVID-19 Vaccination Effort](#) (8/18, 11am CT)

[COVID-19 Variants: What Emergency Physicians Need to Know](#) (8/20, 12pm CT) During this live, free webinar we will provide an overview of Coronaviruses and the SARS-CoV-2 variants and review their classifications. The presenters will also present on the clinical implications, relevance and trends based on variants of interest, concern, and high consequence, including prevention, presentation, treatment, and management. [Register here](#).

**Get the Latest Tools in the [COVID-19 Clinical Alert Center](#)**

## **ACEP Member Benefits**

### **Get the Support You Need**

Stress is high right now, on so many levels. Everyone has unique needs depending on personal circumstances, but the following free support services are available:

- [Crisis counseling/wellness sessions](#) available 24/7 and strictly confidential
- [Peer support line](#) for physicians and medical students, available 24/7
- [Let's Talk forum](#) for ACEP members, our only forum to allow anonymous posts

## **Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines**

**August 18:** [White House Conversation: Health Systems, Providers and the COVID-19 Vaccination Effort](#) (11 am CT)

**August 20:** [COVID-19 Variants: What Emergency Physicians Need to Know](#)

**August 25:** [Medical School Loans and the CARES Act: What You Need to Know](#)

**August 30:** [Rural Emergency Medicine: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed](#)

**September 23:** [Dental 101 for ED Physicians \(Webinar\)](#)

**October 25-28:** ACEP21 in Boston — [REGISTRATION IS OPEN!](#) Use promo code ACEP21CHAP for \$100 off the in-person meeting price.

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## Improve the Quality of Acute Care to Patients with ACEP Accreditation

When you choose accreditation, you are choosing to pursue a commitment to excellence across the spectrum of care that will help attract more patients and elevate your institution— providing a competitive edge in the marketplace.

- Strengthen community confidence in the quality and safety of care, treatment, and services – achieving accreditation makes a strong statement to the community about an organization’s efforts to provide the highest quality services.
- Provide a framework for organizational structure and management – accreditation involves maintaining a high level of quality and compliance with the latest standards. Accreditation provides guidance to an organization’s quality improvement efforts.
- Align emergency departments with one of the most respected names in emergency health care – being accredited by ACEP helps organizations position for the future of integrated care.

[Learn more about ACEP's Accreditation Programs](#)

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