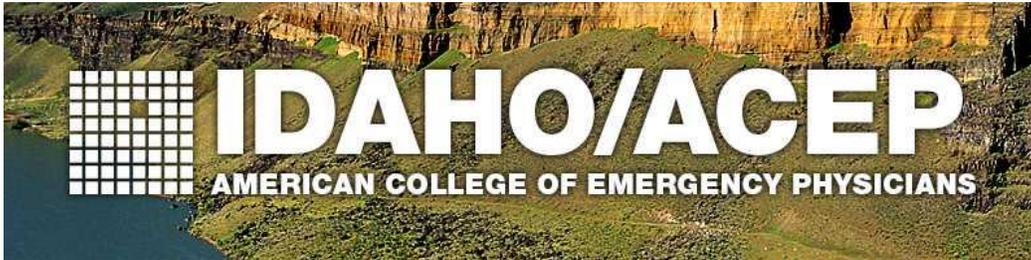


A Newsletter for the Members of the Idaho Chapter - Summer 2022

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President's Message Jessica Kroll, MD

Idaho ACEP Members,

In July, Idaho had its first case of Monkey Pox. We have had about 12 cases reported in Idaho. Please refer to a useful tool: [ACEPs Monkey Pox Field Guide](#).

For high-risk exposures there are vaccines available at each local health district in Idaho. I will continue to share any updates on the topic. As we slowly create a new norm from the pandemic, we are faced with the new challenge of nursing shortages in our state and country. I know many hospitals have been experiencing long boarding hours as a result of this shortage. Earlier this year, ACEP reached out to HHS and is working to address the workforce shortage. I will keep you updated on any movement on this topic as well.

Idaho has a trigger law going into effect on August 25th in response to the Dobb's case from the Supreme Court that makes performing abortions a felony. There have been many questions about this and the effects on the care provided in ER that need to be clarified. ICEP is working with ACEP council and IMA to get a clear understanding of what this means for ER Providers. I will pass on updates on this topic as well.

Included in this newsletter is a "Spotlight a Member." This quarter Ethan Sims is featured. If you have any recommendations for the next newsletter let us know. Each member brings their own diverse view and background which enriches our abilities to care for our patients.

Also, the IMA is holding their annual meeting in October as well. As a reminder, ACEP's Scientific Assembly is in San Francisco this year in October. Read more details in the News from National ACEP section of this newsletter.

For future newsletter articles, if anyone would like to write a piece (spotlight a member, interesting case, etc) for the newsletter, we would love to have your input. [Contact the chapter](#) for more details on how to contribute an article.

Important Upcoming Event

[IMA Annual Meeting Sun Valley, Idaho 10/7-10/9](#)

Spotlight a Member!



Dr. Ethan Sims is an emergency physician at St. Lukes in Boise. He joined the group in 2017 coming from University of New Mexico (UNM) as an attending. He settled in Idaho with his family and quickly became an integral part of his group and community. Some might recognize his name from the Idaho Clinicians for Climate and Health (ICCH). He has been the catalyst of the ICCH.

I met with Dr. Sims to learn more about his journey from being an attending at UNM to Idaho. He is now a leader towards building a sustainable healthcare system in Idaho. This all started in 2021.

Dr. Sims was aware of the effects of climate change but felt that it could be “too late” for his generation to make an impact. Then came the summer of wildfires. The summer of 2021 was a challenge to the communities of Idaho. The wildfires increased harm to the community and their health. Children couldn't play outside due to the high amount of smoke. He was attempting the Boise Trail Challenge that summer and found it impossible to be outside due to the smoke. That is when he decided it was time for action.

Since 2021, Dr. Sims has created the ICCH. He is an advocate for sustainable hospital systems and seeks a better understanding of the impact climate change has on our patients. There are three key pillars of the organization- sustainability, education and advocacy, and action. The ICCH has a lecture series about these topics. If you are interested, the lecture series is free and virtual (see website).

If you want to get more involved, there are [regular meetings](#) at Lost Grove Brewing 7PM-8PM CDT on August 29th and September 25th. Everyone in healthcare is welcome!

** Idaho College of Emergency Physicians is a nonpartisan organization made up of a politically diverse membership with a wide array of opinions.*

Adriana's Corner Know Before you Go!

If you are planning to attend [ACEP22](#) in San Francisco. Find information about the COVID protocols [here](#). Your safety & health matters to us!

Welcome Members!

A special welcome to the new members of the Idaho Chapter and to those that renewed their membership. Please [reach out](#) if you would like to become involved at the chapter level, including leadership opportunities.

We are excited to have you!

Amy Sue Biondich, MD, FACEP	Jordan Huttash, MD
Anthony Crawford, MD	Kassi Jensen
Autumn M. Loomis, MD, FACEP	Kevin Reece, DO
Cody V. Laverdiere, DO	Lelann Saitia Latu
Emily E. Johnston, MD, FACEP	Lyn S. Aborn, MD, FACEP
Erin Wenzel, MD	Mohammad Abuakar, CCEMT-P
Ethan Travis Benjamin Mccarty	Ryan J. MacDonald, MD
Jacob P. Berriochoa, MD	Seth A. Loofbourrow, DO
Jennie Hooper, MD	William A. Johnjulio, DO
Jessica Thornton, DO	

FROM NATIONAL ACEP



ACEP Resources & Latest News

New Monkeypox Emergency Medicine Project Requests Case Images

ACEP has partnered with VisualDx to create the [Monkeypox Emergency Medicine Project](#). Together we are asking you to contribute your confirmed monkeypox case images to the initiative. Images will be deidentified and made freely accessible to ACEP members to better assist recognition, clinical care, and education. It will also be available within the VisualDx system. [Learn more.](#)

More Monkeypox Resources: We are regularly updating our [Monkeypox Field Guide](#) and providing weekly rundowns in the [Emerging Threats Communication Hub](#), an open discussion forum for all ACEP members.

Current Insurer Calculation of Qualified Payment Amount for Out-of-Network (OON) Care May Violate No Surprises Act

A new study indicates health insurers are trying to game the system again. [Learn more.](#)

Apply for ACEP's Reimbursement Leadership Development Program by Sept. 8.

ACEP is sponsoring three members to attend several key events in order to train the future leaders in EM reimbursement. Commitment is estimated at 25 days of travel during the 18-month program. [Learn more.](#)

Advocacy at Home: August Recess Toolkit

Elected officials are heading back to their districts for the month and our [Advocacy At Home: August Recess Toolkit](#) can help you set and prepare for local meetings with federal legislators or staff. This is a great time to share your stories that personalize our calls for policy changes. Find this toolkit and more helpful resources for speaking with media and legislators in [ACEP's Media Hub](#).

Get Your Bike Helmet Ready! Dr. and Lady Glaucomflecken are Speaking at ACEP22

Don't miss these social media sensations as they share their perspectives about the physician, patient and family experience. Join us Oct. 1-4 in San Francisco for the [world's largest EM educational conference!](#)

ACEP22 Travel Discounts You Need to Know About

- Hotels: Seven ACEP22 hotels have [recently discounted rates](#) for you! If you already booked through OnPeak, your rates will be automatically lowered. If not, you can still book with these discounted rates.
- Airfare: ACEP + TripEasy = [savings up to 20% off flights](#)

Myth BustED: Patients' Rights in the Emergency Department

ACEP recently launched a “Myth BustED” video series to debunk common misconceptions and educate the public about emergency care. In our first video—[Patients' Rights in the Emergency Room](#)—Dr. Avir Mitra educates patients about laws like EMTALA and the Prudent Layperson Standard that protect access to emergency care. [Watch now to see how ACEP is encouraging patients to always seek care when they need it.](#)

New Bedside Tool for Patients Experiencing Cancer Immunotherapy-related Issues

ACEP has a new point-of-care tool, ImmunoTox, focused on caring for patients who are experiencing adverse events related to cancer immunotherapy. The pathway includes history/physical, testing, management, disposition and immunotherapy pearls. The tool also includes six PDFs for optional download. [Learn more.](#)

Introducing the EM Opioid Advisory Network

Receive clinical guidance, discover tools and resources, and get your questions answered through ACEP's EM Opioid Advisory Network. ACEP's new initiative connects emergency physicians combating the opioid crisis with expert advice on managing Opioid Use Disorder patients presenting in the ED, creating a protocol to initiate buprenorphine, and more. The expert panel is here to help ALL emergency health care professionals, free of charge. [Learn more.](#)

ACEP is seeking comments on a **draft clinical policy for patients with suspected appendicitis**. [Weigh in.](#)

Podcast: Have you checked out the [newest Frontline podcast](#) episode featuring EM physician and astronaut Dr. Thomas Marshburn?

Now Accepting ACEP23 Course Proposals

As we start our countdown to ACEP22 in San Francisco, we're already thinking about ACEP23 in Philadelphia! ACEP's Educational Meetings Subcommittee is now accepting course proposals for the 2023 Scientific Assembly. [Learn more.](#)

In Memoriam: [ACEP remembers emergency medicine pioneer Jim Roberts, MD, FACEP](#). One of the first five board-certified emergency medicine physicians, Dr. Roberts became a household name in our specialty through his authorship of *Clinical Procedures in Emergency Medicine and Acute Care*, a prominent book that printed seven editions.

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

October 1-4: ACEP Scientific Assembly in San Francisco

October 17-22: [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\)](#)

November 11: Last day to submit [ACEP23 course proposals](#)

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