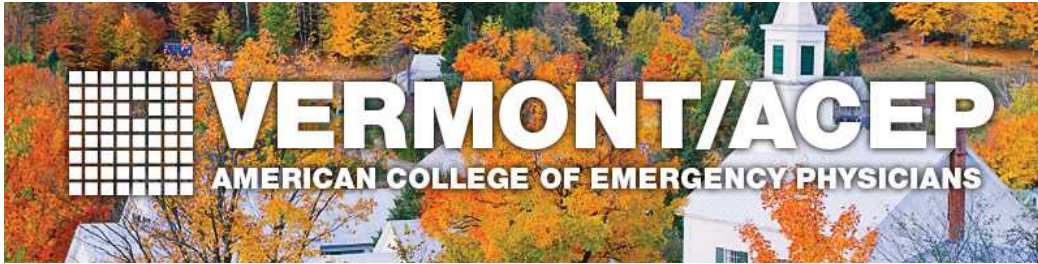


A Newsletter for the Members of the Vermont Chapter

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### *President's Message*

**Alexandra N. Thran, MD, FACEP**

Dear Members of the Vermont Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians,

I hope this letter finds you in high spirits and excellent health!

As we kick off the new year, I wanted to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming annual meeting, which promises to be a memorable evening.

Picture this: the majestic Lodge at Spruce Peak, nestled amidst the breathtaking beauty of Vermont's winter wonderland. On January 18th, at 7:30PM, we have the incredible opportunity to gather together and celebrate our shared passion for emergency medicine in the most delightful setting imaginable.


Imagine mingling with fellow emergency physicians, sharing stories and insights over dinner and drinks. Our annual meeting is not just about business; it's about fostering a sense of community and support among our esteemed members.

Whether you're an avid skier or prefer a leisurely snowshoeing adventure, the Lodge at Spruce Peak offers a range of outdoor activities that will leave you feeling invigorated and rejuvenated.

So, mark your calendars, gather your winter gear, and join us on January 18th at 7:30PM for an evening that promises to be both professionally enriching and incredibly enjoyable. Let's come together, celebrate our shared dedication to emergency medicine, and create memories that will warm our hearts for years to come.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the Lodge at Spruce Peak. Together, let's make this annual meeting an unforgettable experience!

Warm regards!









**Vermont** American College of  
Emergency Physicians

**CHAPTER  
ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**THURSDAY  
JANUARY 18, 2024**

In conjunction with  
UVM's EM Medicine  
Update Conference  
The Lodge at Spruce  
Creek  
Stowe, Vermont

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## FROM NATIONAL ACEP



### ACEP Resources & Latest News

#### **ACEP Blunts Medicare Cuts in 2024 Physician Fee Schedule**

CMS recently released the Physician Fee Schedule PFS for calendar year 2024, which includes some wins for you and your patients, thanks to ACEP's involvement. Other provisions are concerning and ACEP continues to fight for favorable solutions. Our goal is to ensure your work is valued appropriately. [Read ACEP's detailed analysis.](#)

#### **ACEP Council Tackles Key Issues During Philadelphia Meeting**

More than 60 resolutions were considered during the ACEP23 Council Meeting in Philadelphia in October, with many of them drawing considerable debate before 44 were ultimately adopted. [Learn more](#)

### **New Career Resources:**

- You asked for it. ACEP delivered. ACEP's **Open Book** addresses your need for employer transparency. Gain access to information about employer group structure, leadership and more | [openbook.acep.org](https://openbook.acep.org)
- **Practice Essentials of Emergency Medicine** augments your knowledge of several critical business topics: Reimbursement, Contracts and Practice Models, Negotiations, Operations Management, Risk Management and More. It's **FREE** for ACEP members | [acep.org/practiceessentials](https://acep.org/practiceessentials)
- **Find More Fulfillment in Your Career.** ACEP has published a new wellness guide, [From Self to System – Being Well in Emergency Medicine](#), which offers practical solutions to many of the systemic issues that plague emergency physicians today. Thank you to the countless authors and contributors who brought together these valuable resources.

**ACEP in Action:** We are committed to listening to, and learning from, the challenges that physicians face on each shift and to being your network of support in this difficult environment. Actions speak louder than words. We are tackling the issues that matter most to you. Our efforts are stronger when we stand united. [Read More.](#)

### **Fighting for You on Shift**

- ACEP convened health care stakeholders in September to discuss barriers and solutions at our ED Boarding Summit
- We have released poll results about the public's concern about boarding in the ED | [acep.org/boarding](https://acep.org/boarding)
- This [ACEP Now boarding series](#) keeps you updated on the latest boarding news and opinions
- [Contact Congress about the ED Boarding Crisis](#)

### **Getting it Done in D.C.**

- ACEP has been involved in **NINE recent lawsuits** to protect your autonomy and [ensure fair reimbursement](#)
- We have invested more than \$1 million of member dues dollars to [push back on scope creep](#) at the federal and state levels

**Member Benefit Spotlight:** Map out your spending and investment accounts, retirement projections, and goal projections in one secure online platform with My Financial Coach. [Read more.](#)

**Learn More about OUD Management With E-QUAL,** a free online, low-burden quality improvement program. E-QUAL is now accepting enrollment in its 2024 substance use disorder initiative where you can discover best practices for ED opioid prescribing, earn credit for CMS' MIPS program and get real-time benchmarking data. [Learn more and sign up today.](#)

## Urge Congress to Prevent Workplace Violence in the ED

ACEP is continuing its mission to bring both Congressional and public attention to the growing problem of violence against health care workers. [A recent video article](#) in the *New York Times* highlights the crisis of violence in emergency departments and includes compelling testimonials from emergency physicians and other health care workers about its impact on their ability to provide care to patients.

We urge you to [share the video with your legislators](#) to reinforce the urgency of the problem and the need for Congressional action. Your legislators need to hear from physicians who are experiencing and witnessing this crisis on the frontlines of our health care system so they will prioritize swift action in this Congress.

## Be an Advocate for Emergency Medicine and Patients

Join with your ACEP colleagues to advocate to Congress. As a physician, health care issue expert, and constituent - you have a unique story to share. [Visit the ACEP Advocacy Action Center](#).

## Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

**Jan 9-10:** [ACEP Advanced EM Ultrasonography \(AEMUS\)](#)

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**Feb 6-8:** [Independent EM Group Master Class](#)

**March 9-15:** [ACEP Accelerate](#)

As part of your membership, you receive *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, **which is transitioning to a digital-only publication beginning with the January issue.** If you prefer print, you can subscribe separately to print-on-demand for \$75/year at [ussocieties@elsevier.com](mailto:ussocieties@elsevier.com) or call 800-654-2452, option 2.

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