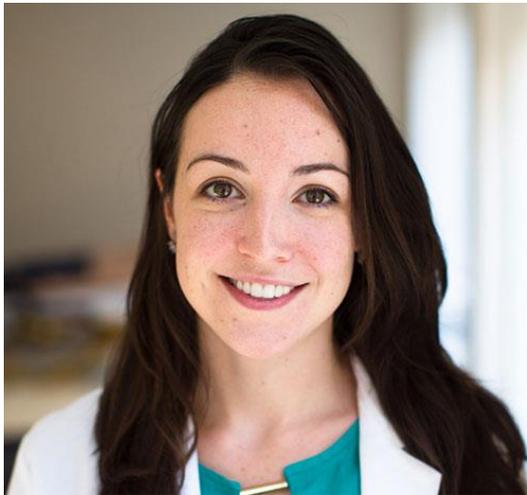
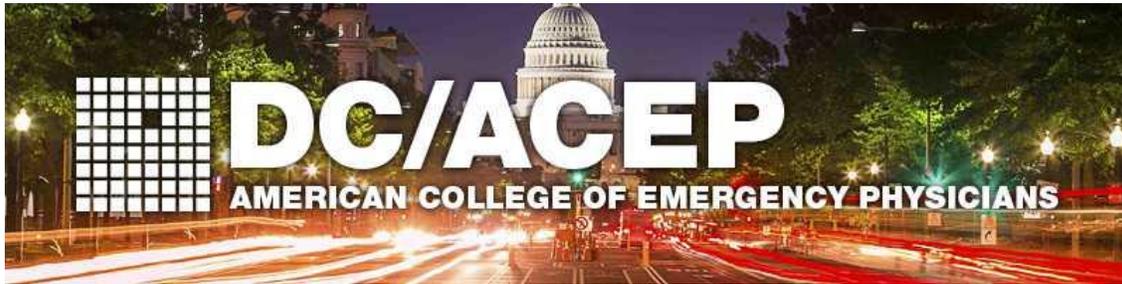


A Newsletter for the Members of the District of Columbia ACEP Chapter



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## **From the President** **Guenevere Burke, MD**

As spring unfolds in the District, we watch the city transform, brimming with tourists and residents too long deprived of the sunshine. Yet, its not just the weather that makes the city seem to overflow- the population reached a 40 year high just a few months ago! And while the streets are filled with tourists and young professionals, the District's rapid growth has made it one of the few areas in the country to see rising rates of homelessness- now more than double the national average. As emergency physicians, we witness the profound impact of homelessness on health every day, caring for disproportionate numbers of uninsured and low income patients. We are also uniquely positioned to affect change. I am proud that ACEP has

embraced this role, approving a new section on Social Emergency Medicine just last month. The section seeks to "promote the incorporation of patients' social context into routine emergency care" and "to propose...health policies that affect the social determinants of health of our communities." As president of DC ACEP, I look forward to supporting the new section and its mission, while serving the needs of our local community right here in DC.

We face many challenges as emergency physicians in the District of Columbia. If you have ideas for chapter events, advocacy or other activities, please reach out to share them with the District of Columbia ACEP Chapter Board!

[Email](#) our Chapter Administrative Assistant, Adriana Alvarez.

## **From the President-Elect Natalie Kirilichin, MD, FACEP**

### **Health Policy Committee: Update**

The DC ACEP Health Policy Committee was established in the fall of 2016 and is co-chaired by Dr. Philippa Soskin and myself. The committee aims to: (1) provide resources and support to ACEP members looking to connect with DC-based political organizations; (2) work with greater chapter membership to influence a local policy initiative; and (3) support the collaborative efforts of area medical schools and residency programs in teaching health policy.

In the interest of achieving these goals, the committee is pleased to announce that in late summer we plan to hold an event aimed at combating the opioid epidemic locally. DC ACEP is partnering with Georgetown University and George Washington University to dedicate a Residency Didactic Session (a day conference) discussion and an interactive skills session equipping students, residents, physicians, and non-physician practitioners with the tools to responsibly manage pain in the emergency department.

We anticipate representation from Chesapeake Regional Information System for Patients (CRISP), our local prescription drug monitoring program, national experts on the epidemic at large, and interventional pain specialists from these academic institutions. The event will be open to all DC ACEP members. We look forward to providing further details.

If you have any suggestions on topics you'd like discussed during this upcoming event, please send the chapter an [email](#).

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## Chapter E-Newsletters

The date of the next chapter e-newsletter is **Monday, August 28th**.

If you have an interesting case or an article you'd like to share with the members of the chapter, please send an [email](#) to Adriana Alvarez, our Chapter Administrative Assistant and she will make sure and include it in the next quarter e-newsletter.

## Adriana's Corner

[ACEP17](#) is just around the corner. I hope your schedule will allow for you to attend at least one or two days of the awesome educational program that national ACEP is preparing this year.

While in Washington attending *ACEP17*, the District of Columbia ACEP chapter is planning a social event in conjunction with the Maryland and Virginia chapters. This event will be a good opportunity for you to meet your colleagues from neighboring states. I hope you can attend. More details about this event will be sent via email.

In the meantime, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to email [me](#).

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