



MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF
EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

WHAT DOES MCEP PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP?

MCEP Membership Guide

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Chapter Dues

Regular: \$490

Grad – Year 1: \$186

Grad – Year 2: \$367

Grad – Year 3: \$490

Retired: \$127

Resident: \$39

Medical Student: \$0

Member Benefits

MCEP is dedicated to ensuring quality emergency care for all Michiganders and works to promote emergency medicine and inform patients and the public of critical issues impacting emergency care.

Saving you time and promoting your profession means more time for you to focus on the business of providing emergency care. Every day, we focus on the issues that are most important to you:

- Patient access to quality emergency care
- The challenge of ED boarding and crowding for both medical and psychiatric patients
- Increased reimbursement and fair payment
- Such as our recent increase in [Medicaid reimbursement](#)
- Medical liability reforms

Throughout the year, MCEP hosts many events that promote networking and communication opportunities to its membership. Including the [Michigan Emergency Medicine Assembly](#). Many of our events offer both AMA and AOA 1-A Credit as well as CME credits. Members also receive discounts on various educational courses and conferences hosted by the Chapter including our Summer and Winter Assemblies that both offer superb educational opportunities in family friendly, northern Michigan locations.

Member Testimonials

“Every year, the Michigan legislature makes numerous decisions that directly impact you as an emergency physician. Many of these decisions and subsequent laws are ultimately made by individuals with limited understanding of your job as an ER doctor. Joining and actively participating in MCEP is your best opportunity to raise your concerns and unite your voice with thousands of Michigan emergency physicians.”

Michael Doyle, DO, FACEP

“MCEP represents us on a state and national basis. This protects our practice, our patients, and our livelihood”

Jacob Price, MD, FACEP

“MCEP is the heartbeat of EM in Michigan. Having members from all over the state makes what could be a lonely, isolated specialty one of community and engagement. There is such a variety of how EM is practiced in our state, yet being a part of MCEP helps unify all of us and thus makes us a stronger specialty. Every member is relatable because we all practice the same career. Being in MCEP and the friends I have made as a result has kept me from ending my career early. I’m proud to advocate for my specialty and MCEP gives me that platform.”

Pamela Coffey, MD, FACEP

Top 5 Values of MCEP

Legislative/Advocacy

Legislative and Advocacy issues are ever present and changing. To help stay informed and get the best guidance possible, MCEP employs a full-time, contracted lobbyist to navigate relevant legislative matters and ensure our actions will have direct results. In addition, MCEP has a robust legislative committee dedicated to advocating emergency physician and patients' best interests.

Education/CME

MCEP, typically, provides nine educational courses in a calendar year. The Midwest Winter Symposium and Summer Assembly provide, on average, a minimum of 12 AMA and AOA Credit hours each. Residents are also a big focus of MCEPs educational events. As they prepare to move out of residency, ensuring their education is of great importance leading to a wide range of resident-focused courses as well.

Networking

Helping to make connections is a vital part of MCEP's mission. Getting the right people in contact with each other to achieve mutual goals will only benefit the emergency medicine specialty. This drives the MCEP Board, committees and staff to keep up to date on who's-who on a state and national level and doing everything possible to foster these relationships.

Community

Ideas, innovations, and achievements thrive in a positive environment. Because of this, MCEP is committed to creating a welcoming, supportive community for emergency physicians as well as ensuring ample time to connect and grow that community. MCEP recognizes the vital importance of these relationships to emergency physicians and do all we can to give them the opportunity to grow from our virtual options available for almost every committee meeting, in-person board meetings open to all members, to the family-friendly receptions at our larger conferences.

Committee Level Work

MCEP committees are the starting point and the engines that drive emergency physicians' goals forward. From Legislative to Resolution Writing, MCEP has a multitude of committees working behind the scenes to make members ideas and goals real.

Conferences



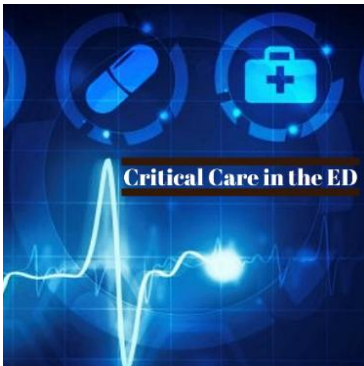
The Midwest Winter Symposium is a CME event designed to provide the latest information on the hot topics that affect your practice. Each year's agenda includes interactive lectures presented by local and regional experts and will also offer time for social and networking opportunities.

Typically held in late January.



The EMRAM In-Training Review Course is an annual preparatory course designed for residents to review core topics in Emergency Medicine prior to the ITE examination. The format is designed to address scenario-based questions similar to the in-service and board format of "the next most appropriate action" type question. Speakers are selected for their areas of expertise and teaching ability. Featured speakers represent several residency programs throughout the state. Attendance has exceeded 250 residents in the past representing emergency medicine residency programs across the State of Michigan.

Typically held in mid-February.



Wayne State University Department of Emergency Medicine in partnership with the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians, Henry Ford Hospital, Indiana University, and Medical College of Wisconsin sponsor the Annual Critical Care Practice in the Emergency Department Conference. The objective of this conference is to provide high level information concerning the management of critically ill patients. Previous attendees have described this conference as a "can't miss" event for physicians and residents of any field who care for critically ill patients.

Typically held in late March.



The EMRAM SIMWARS competition is an interactive simulation competition that allows teams of four medical providers to compete against other programs on simulated patient encounters. The format is "round-robin" for the first round. Each team will get to perform in 5 different cases – all teams will be judged for all 5 rotations with the top two teams moving to the finals. An expert panel will judge each team's performance in areas such as teamwork, communication, and leadership as well as medical management of the "patient".

Typically held mid-April to mid-May.



The Mini Mock Cert Course is a unique, no-cost offering aimed at helping prepare residents for the ABEM Certifying Exam. This course takes place virtually and is designed to follow the ABEM exam format. Participants will sit through three mock sessions throughout the day with a rotation of faculty volunteers. Following the completion of the course evaluations will be provided for participants.

Typically held in late May.



The Michigan Emergency Medicine Assembly includes a number of traditional sessions covering medical/legal updates, the membership's Annual Meeting, and leadership forums covering health care issues. Each year, there is a host of special educational programs assembled to provide opportunities for our specialists to increase their knowledge and abilities in several avenues of their emergency medicine practices. To round out the three-day event, MCEP will also offer the traditional MCEP Family Opening Reception, Golf Outing and Presidents' & Awards Banquet.

Typically held in late July.



The Emergency Medicine Career Planning course is an innovative course discussing effective job searching and killing it in the interview. Discussion on personal finance issues, entrepreneurship and innovation will be held with one of our EM physician leaders. In addition, an extended break is held giving Residents the opportunity to meet with a number of physicians & representatives from various areas of the state and country who have positions available at their facilities. This offers residents a unique opportunity to talk with several hospitals and physician groups at this informal gathering

Typically held in mid-August.



MCEP is proud to announce Can't Miss Pediatric Emergencies: the inaugural regional Pediatric Emergency Medicine CME conference. This will be a dynamic and essential learning experience you won't want to miss. The agenda is packed with hot topics in pediatric emergency medicine, presented by a lineup of renowned local experts who are leaders in the field. Topics covered will equip you with the critical knowledge and skills to confidently navigate high-stakes pediatric EM situations.

Typically held in early September



This \$straight Talk Reimbursement course offers valuable information and updates for emergency physicians as well as billing/coding professionals and group managers. These lectures are presented by nationally renowned faculty who are considered experts in the reimbursement field.

Typically held in early December.

Committees

Education

Develops and conducts CME and Non-CME programs including the Michigan Emergency Medicine Assembly, Midwest Winter Symposium, Mini Mock Cert Course, \$traight Talk, EM Career Planning: Life After Residency, Can't Miss Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference, Critical Care, and The Expert Witness Course.

Co-Chairs: Jeff McGowan, DO, FACEP & Diane Paratore, DO, FACEP

Health-Finance

Monitors private payer and federal policies that may affect emergency physician practice and reimbursement.

Chair: Michael Gratson, MD, MHSA, FACEP

Legislative

Monitor bills introduced in the General Assembly. Informs and educates MCEP members and state legislators on specific bills of interest.

Chair: Sara Chakel, MD, FACEP

Vice Co-Chairs: Miriam Bukhsh, MD, MPH & Michael Doyle, DO, FACEP

Membership

Preserves the strength and influence of emergency medicine, and the Chapter, by striving to obtain new eligible, board-certified, members and retain current members.

Chair: Andrew Taylor, DO, FACEP

Public Relations

Develops ways to enhance the image of emergency physicians with the lay public and other medical professions in the state.

Chair: Pamela Coffey, MD, FACEP

EMS

Monitors legislative and regulatory activities relating to EMS in Michigan and maintains liaisons with EMS organizations. This committee also responds to recent events and promotes education & preparedness for our state's Emergency Departments.

Chair: Robert Dunne, MD, FACEP

Leadership Development Program

Provides mentorship and oversees activities throughout the one-year program designed to develop future leaders for our specialty, both in state and nationally. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the inner workings of the College, discuss EM issues with state and federal legislators, network with MCEP, ACEP, and ABEM leadership, and much more.

Co-Chairs: Luke Saski, MD, FACEP & Larisa Traill, MD, FACEP

Medically Underserved Task Force

Collaborates statewide to assess existing programs that deliver Street Medicine and Healthcare for the unhoused in various regions reviewing current infrastructure, evaluate program effectiveness, and identify areas for improvement. Conducted research will focus on measuring the impact of these services on ED utilization, overall healthcare costs, and improvements in health outcomes for this population.

Chair: Rebecca Loney, MD

Pediatric Task Force

Our goal is to identify pediatric issues pertinent to the members of MCEP and provide resources and solutions to improve pediatric emergency care in Michigan.

Chair: Pamela Coffey, MD, FACEP

QUALITY TASK FORCE

The goal of the Quality Committee is to promote improvements in the delivery of pediatric and adult emergency care and enhance the value of this care for the benefit of our membership and our patients in the state of Michigan.

Chair: Justin Dueweke, MD, FACEP

Resolution Writing

Our goal is to identify issues and concerns relevant to the practice of emergency medicine, emergency department patients, and emergency physicians in Michigan, and to assist interested MCEP members in generating practical solutions in the form of resolutions.

Chair: Gregory Gafni-Pappas, DO, FACEP

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This program, developed by the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians, will combine elements of mentoring, organizational education, skills, training and guided experiences to selected participants.

Between 4-8 participants will be selected each year. This is a competitive process, and the Leadership Development Team will carefully review each application that is received by the November 15th deadline each year.

Criteria: Current member of MCEP/ACEP, minimum of three years of membership in ACEP or EMRA, commitment to attend all LDP sessions as well as agreed cost sharing.

Program Directors: Luke Saski, MD, FACEP & Larisa Traill, MD, FACEP

Highlights

The MCEP Leadership Development Program (LDP) offers participants informational sessions and guided real-world experience in the areas of political advocacy, education, and leadership. Participants spend a year on a leadership experience designed to develop skills to meet the challenges of emergency medicine; connect with peers and mentors; grow professional networks; learn to affect change; and receive feedback on their individual leadership style.

Program founded in 2007 under the direction of Robert Malinowski, MD, FACEP.

MCEP and ACEP Success: Many of our program graduates advance to leadership positions at both the state and national levels. As of late 2025, the program has had 130 graduates. 13 of our 15 current Board members are LDP graduates with 4 of 5 holding officer positions, 29 former Board members, 11 Past Presidents, 11 Committee Chairs, 3 Newsletter Editors, and 7 Program Course Directors. One of our LDP Graduates is currently a member of the ACEP Board of Directors and another is the ACEP Council Vice-Speaker.



EMERGENCY MEDICINE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

MISSION STATEMENT

EMRAM exists to promote and support quality education and professional development while furthering the interests of emergency medicine residents.

Emergency Medicine Residents' Association of Michigan (EMRAM) is an organization within the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians. The goal of EMRAM is to help meet the needs of Michigan's emergency medicine residents. EMRAM also provides residents with career-enhancing resources, including education, opportunities for political activity and networking with emergency medicine attendings and residents throughout the state.

Any emergency medicine resident who joins MCEP automatically becomes a member of EMRAM.

EMRAM also has a voice and vote on the MCEP Board of Directors. Each year, the members of EMRAM elect one of their own to serve as EMRAM President and that person has a seat on the MCEP Board for their one-year term.

2025-2026 EMRAM Officers

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Secretary

Elizabeth Nisper, MD



In the political process, money speaks. It speaks volume and it speaks loudly. Political lobbying and campaign contributions are an essential way for constituent groups to have an impact on the political process. As Michigan’s emergency physicians, we are uniquely suited to speak for patients requiring emergency care in the state. Our position gives us credibility with both the public and the legislature. We are the doctors who are always there to treat all regardless of disease process, severity of illness, insurance, or ability to pay. But this is not enough.

Now more than ever, MEDPAC needs your support. With your financial support, the leadership of our specialty in the state and our lobbyists will be able to directly influence issues that mean the most to you. Reimbursement, liability issues, staffing as well as other issues can be brought to the attention of policy makers to support emergency medicine and its practitioners in the State of Michigan. Your dollars will have a real impact.

Chair: Sara Chakel, MD, FACEP

Lobbyist: Bret Marr, MHSA



The primary purpose of the foundation is to promote and to provide improved education and research in the field of emergency medicine in order to improve the availability and quality of emergency medical treatment.

In our commitment to diversity and the cultivating of a diverse community of professionals, MCEP benefits from a vastly richer mix of ideas, perspectives, and life experiences that expands our thinking and our possibilities. We are committed to building diversity of all kinds – on our staff, in our membership, and within our educational programs we provide.

Our goal is to promote involvement and expand access to leadership opportunity, membership recruitment and faculty of educational programming regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, nationality, disability, appearance, Michigan geographic location, or professional level.

Chair: Therese Mead, DO, FACEP

Immediate Past Chair: Michael Fill, DO, FACEP

Chair-Elect: Michael Gratson, MD, MHSA, FACEP

Elected Officer: Robert Malinowski, MD, FACEP