



## GOTV, WI EMPs!



*WACEP President's Message, October 2020*  
*Ryan Thompson, MD, FACEP*

Another election cycle is upon us, in case that wasn't already abundantly apparent by the barrage of political ads that have taken over our televisions and airwaves!

Ahh, the joys of living in a swing state.

Despite the commercial fatigue, the outcome of this election will no doubt shape the future of our specialty for years to come. Both state and federal elections have significant impacts on health and fiscal policy, as well as the potential to upend legislative priorities. Of course, WACEP does not endorse any specific candidate or party, and we are committed to working with whoever is willing to help us to better the care of WI patients and make the state a more appealing place for emergency physicians to practice. That being said, we do necessarily shift our strategies and priorities to what we can most effectively get done with any given group of legislators in power.

This promises to be a unique election, with the COVID pandemic raging all around our state. Many people have likely already voted absentee, but if you haven't, there are still a lot of options open to you. If you are already registered, you can request an absentee ballot online at [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) by October 29th, although be aware they have to be returned by November 3rd at 8pm in order to be counted. If you aren't interested in voting by mail, early voting starts on October 20th and runs until November 1st in most areas. Early voter registration can occur in-person until October 30th. And of course, you can always both register and vote on election day at your local polling place, although be aware that long lines may be expected at some polling places.

Depending on where you live in the state, there may still be a need for poll workers to assist on election day. Who better than emergency physicians to don PPE, stay on their feet all day, and manage large volumes of people? If you are interested in signing up to be a poll worker, you can learn more [here](#).

Vote your conscious, vote for the candidate who will help your patients, vote your party, vote on a single issue, vote on many issues, vote of the candidate with the best hair, it doesn't matter. Just VOTE!

## Quick Links

- [COVID-19 Resources](#)
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**VOTE SAFE**  
**WISCONSIN**  
2020

A banner with a white background and blue and red horizontal stripes at the top and bottom. The text "VOTE SAFE" is in large, bold, black letters, "WISCONSIN" is in white letters on a blue background, and "2020" is in black letters.

**DOCTOR DAY**  
Save the Date  
**MAY 5, 2021**

A banner with a blue background and a white dome (the Wisconsin State Capitol) on the right. The text "DOCTOR DAY" is in white letters, "Save the Date" is in white letters on an orange banner, and "MAY 5, 2021" is in white letters on a blue background.

## Now On Demand: Advances in Medical Stabilization for Psychiatric Patients in the ED

WACEP is part of a unique collaboration with the Wisconsin Psychiatric Association in bringing emergency physicians and psychiatrists together to address issues pertaining to quality of care and patient safety. The joint Emergency Psych Task Force has become a primary source of subject matter expertise to key stakeholders in Wisconsin, including elected officials and those with policy oversight.

On October 19th, task force leaders presented *Advances in Medical Stabilization for Psychiatric Patients in the Emergency Department*. The webinar recording is now [available online](#).

Learn more about the work of the task force [here](#).

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## WACEP Joins Vote Safe Wisconsin Coalition

October 20 is the beginning of early and in-person voting in Wisconsin. Wisconsin ACEP has joined the [Vote Safe Wisconsin 2020 coalition](#) and has committed to sharing information and resources with our community partners on how to safely vote.

We encourage everyone to vote absentee, vote early, or vote at the polls with a mask and socially distancing.

Be sure to bring an ID and double check your local voting hours at <https://myvote.wi.gov> before you go.

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*In case you missed it...*

## Top Ten Reasons to Participate in ACEP20

**10:** Easily view the Research Forum abstracts, thanks to the meeting platform. You can also join live sessions featuring CME covering abstracts on hot topics.

**9:** Get cheap drinks and heavy pours when you virtually hang out with your colleagues during Mix & Mingle happy hours, reunions, lounges, quarantine houses and other fun events.

**8:** Chat with your friends and colleagues with your own personal meeting room, invite one or dozens to discuss the events of the day or just to catch up.

**7:** Ask questions of the experts with a Q&A after each live course.

**6:** Access 250+ CME hours of broadcast-quality courses for 3 years. With more than 26 tracks you're sure to find education you need.

**5:** Search for topics that matter most to you while three live courses happen at once.



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**4:** Stay safe at home with your family. Zero travel hassles. No shoes, no pants, no problem.

**3:** Design your schedule to fit your needs. Still working shifts? No worries – courses and events happen all day and many are available on-demand.

**2:** Reflect on this unprecedented year with Theater of War for the Emergency Medicine Community and the personal sharing event S'mores & Storytelling.

**1:** Hear Dr. Anthony S. Fauci provide a first-hand account of the nation's response to COVID-19. Plus, over a dozen up-to-date courses covering the COVID-19 pandemic in emergency medicine.

**[REGISTER TODAY](#) and join ACEP20, October 26-29.**

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