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Wisconsin Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians



**President's Message:  
 Surprise Bill for Emergency  
 Physician Services? Blame  
 Your Physician, Right?**

*Bobby Redwood, MD, MPH*

Out of network billing (OONB) is a concept that is understandably difficult for our patients to grasp. The usual story goes like this: an insured patient presents to an emergency department during a period of vulnerability and need, they receive high quality emergency care, but then receive a bill six weeks later stating that their hospital fees are covered by insurance, but their physician fees are not. From a patient perspective, that looks like the hospital is charging a couple hundred dollars, while the emergency physician is charging a couple thousand...what gives?!

As physicians, the problem seems pretty simple...the insurer is refusing to pay. In other words, the patient's emergency physician did the work and the insurance company, in an effort to increase revenues for their shareholders, has created an unreasonably narrow network of providers in order to cut costs (and stick the patient with the bill for physician services). The patient has done nothing wrong here. They bought insurance and had an emergency. It is quite reasonable to be angry that the insurance they spent their hard-earned money on is not paying for the services it was supposed to cover.

[Read more.](#)

**WACEP to host Wisconsin Meet-Up in DC**

Attending ACEP-17 in Washington DC? Plan to join colleagues at the complimentary Wisconsin Meet-Up reception on Monday, October 30th, 8-11 pm at Del Campo, 777 I (EYE) St NW, Washington DC 20001.

[Please RSVP](#) if you can join us!

**WACEP Member Survey - Final Call**

If you haven't done so yet, please take 3 minutes to complete the annual WACEP membership survey.

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Responses will be used to inform WACEP's ongoing planning, and will allow us to evaluate and enhance member value. [Begin Survey](#)

## ACEP Diversity Survey

ACEP's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force is defining a strategy to advance diversity issues within the specialty. Please help ACEP create meaningful programming and resources. A survey reminder was sent on Aug. 22 and we ask that you please spend 8 minutes to complete the questions.

The American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) will serve as ACEP's administrator for this project, and participation is voluntary. The survey will close on September 1st at 10:59 PM CDT.

If you are unable to locate your survey link, please contact the StandPoint Surveys help desk at [StandPointSurveys@aamc.org](mailto:StandPointSurveys@aamc.org) for a link to participate.

## Opioid Rx Education through WACEP

Still looking to obtain your opioid prescribing education as mandated by the Medical Examining Board? Wisconsin ACEP can help! [Register here](#) to participate in our on-demand webinar, which was recorded at the WACEP Spring Symposium and is approved to meet the MEB requirements.

Be sure to complete this education before year-end. The next license renewal deadline is Oct. 31, 2017 for MDs, and Feb. 28, 2018 for DOs. Upon renewal, physicians must attest to completing the required opioid prescribing CME by Dec. 31, 2017.

## Save-the-Date: March 14-15, 2018

Wisconsin ACEP's 2018 Spring Symposium will take place March 14 & 15 at The Edgewater in Madison. Highlights will include:

- \* Beginning in 2018, WACEP is joining forces with MCW and UW to incorporate the annual Research Forum into the WACEP Symposium.
- \* Simulation Workshop
- \* LLSA Study Group for 2017 articles
- \* Hot Topics in Emergency Medicine roundtable discussions
- \* Keynote presenter: Erik Hess, MD, Mayo Clinic

Stay tuned for additional details and registration information.

## **ACEP Resources: Violence in the ED**

Concerned about safety in your emergency department? ACEP now has a collection of educational resources that are available for free. You can [find the resources here](#).

Just posted is an article in the "Your Experiences" section. Dr. Sullivan's posts on the incident at his hospital and the safety and security changes they've implemented since. (A nurse was stabbed 11 times by a former patient.)

The page will be updated frequently as new resources become available. Stay safe!

## **Doctor Day 2018 - Registration is Open**

This past spring, more than 400 physicians and medical students participated in Doctor Day, coming together with a unified voice and maximizing visibility of physicians in Wisconsin's legislative arena.

Make plans to join your emergency medicine colleagues in Doctor Day 2018 to enhance our collective ability to advocate on healthcare issues. The event will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 in Madison. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required for setting up visits with your legislators and/or their staffers. [Learn more and register](#).