



2025, Quarter 3

President's Message



Matthew Herold, MD
MNACEP President

Greetings MNACEP members! Even though it doesn't feel like it in most of Minnesota, it's fall, which means we just concluded our ACEP Scientific Assembly and Council Meeting. For those who are unfamiliar, MNACEP sends delegates every year to the ACEP Council meeting, where elections are held and debate commences to direct the ACEP Board and Advocacy agendas. This year, our delegates took a courageous stand to discuss viable alternatives to supporting the highest quality of care in extreme rural emergency departments. After a spirited debate (we all know the code there), it became clear that Minnesota can help lead others to potential solutions that ensure access, standards of emergency care, and appropriate supervision in our rural shops. We will have more opportunities to showcase the great work being done in our state as we work with other organizations and policymakers in the coming months.

We also hosted an inaugural MNACEP reception during the Scientific Assembly this year, which was well-attended and will continue in the coming years. If you haven't been to ACEP in a while, it's worth marking your calendars for ACEP26 in Chicago, October 5-8. The format and content are always being updated to ensure even those of us with exceptionally short attention spans can find meaningful connections and learning opportunities.

Please also mark your calendars for May 7, 2026, when MNACEP will host our revived and revamped Emergency Medicine Summit at Union Depot in St. Paul, where we will showcase resident research, share educational content, and provide connections between employers and residents. I hope everyone will consider attending and am grateful to all of our Education Committee members who have invested in this event. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Finally, we are gearing up for more advocacy work, although no one really got much of a break this year with major policy impacts coming from both federal and state levels. You will hear us ask for your help in the coming months as we continue to work with other agencies to support our patients, our emergency department operations, and our physicians. There will be no shortage of policy threats this year, and emergency physicians are critical to sharing the stories that will shape better policy in the future. We must remain engaged and express the patient-centered arguments that can be supported by both sides of the aisle. Thanks to all who are leading the charge for MNACEP and I hope everyone with rise to the advocacy challenge this year!



New Members

Please welcome the newest members to our ACEP chapter!

- **Riley Berg (Medical Student)**
- **Brian Bristol, DO**
- **Evan Smith, MD**
- **Jesse Ewaldt, MD**
- **Quin Stevens, MD**
- **Travis John Heining, MD**
- **Zachary Affeldt, MD**
- **Dustin Leigh, MD**
- **Amal Saeed (Medical Student)**
- **Maximilian Redemann, MD**
- **Alexis Newberry, MD**
- **Brianna Leigh Wenande, MD**
- **Hannah Marie Stamos, MD**
- **Duane Eric Westberg, MD**
- **Omer Qureishy , MD**
- **Srikanth Dakoji, MD**
- **Matthew Gish (Medical Student)**
- **Tucker Diamon-Ames (Medical Student)**
- **Katelyn Kugel (Medical Student)**
- **Nicole Wunderlick, MD**

Invite your colleagues to [join MN ACEP](#) so they can also take advantage of ACEP's local and national network and

benefits.

Dr. Benjamin Sandefur Receives National Emergency Medicine Faculty Teaching Award

Benjamin Sandefur, MD, FACEP, has been honored with the **National Emergency Medicine Faculty Teaching Award**, recognizing his exceptional dedication to clinical education. This prestigious award is reserved for faculty more than seven years post-residency who demonstrate outstanding skill and commitment as educators, shaping the future of emergency medicine.



Sign Up for Action Alerts Today!

During the legislative session, we may need your quick help to contact legislators. MNACEP now uses email and SMS alerts for rapid advocacy updates.

To receive urgent text alerts, please share your cell phone number. Your information will stay private, and we'll only message you when necessary.

Together, we can advocate effectively for emergency medicine and our patients!

[Sign Up Now](http://bit.ly/4LE14WQ)

New FACEP

We are thrilled to celebrate the newest of our Minnesota members for earning the prestigious Fellow designation with the American College of Emergency Physicians. This honor reflects their dedication, expertise, and commitment to emergency medicine. Congratulations!

- Daniel Chiang, MD, FACEP

For more information on how to become an ACEP Fellow, please visit the [ACEP Fellowship page](#).

Valuable Resource for Physicians with Seriously Ill Patient Populations

The Center for Advancing Serious Illness Communication (CASIC), a joint initiative of the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) and Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA), has launched its virtual live classroom training, building upon the series of on-demand training launched last year to introduce healthcare providers and other members of care teams to serious illness conversations (SIC).

CASIC, which is sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, is focused on:

- Creating a dedicated statewide community standard on how to address SIC, with a focus on training, implementation, and workflow processes;
- Encouraging consistent and higher usage of SIC by providers; and
- Helping normalize the practice across all healthcare organizations to the benefit of patients, their families, and clinicians and other members of the care team.

The three-module, on-demand introductory training series is a prerequisite for the classroom training, and begins the process of preparing clinicians and healthcare organizations to engage every patient experiencing a serious illness in meaningful discussions about their diagnosis, prognosis and care choices. It is based upon the Serious Illness Communication Guide (SICG), an evidence-based tool developed by Ariadne Labs.

To find out more about this free training, go to www.advancingsic.org/training-and-events.

In Memory of Robert E Collier

Long time MNACEP member, Robert Collier, MD, (April 19, 1948 – September 5, 2025) passed away at home in early September at the age of 77 after battling Parkinson's disease for many years. Dr. Collier was a leader in Emergency Medicine, and a pioneer of the specialty, as he signed up to be an EM physician shortly after it officially became a specialty.

He worked in several hospitals in Minnesota, including the current Hennepin Healthcare. His education included obtaining a B.A. in psychology in 1966 and completing medical school at Ohio State University. He began an internal medicine residency at what is now University Health Truman Medical Center in Kansas City, MO, but switched upon learning of the newest specialty, Emergency Medicine. He completed his EM residency in 1976, and began his career in North Kansas City Hospital, also serving as medical director of ambulance services in Kansas City. He stayed in Kansas City from 1981 to 1992, when he was then recruited by Dr. Ernest "Ernie" Ruiz, the founder of EM at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Over the years, he served as a clinician, educator and mentor to a countless number of EM residents who trained at Hennepin, while also dedicating three decades to serve ABEM in several roles.

Resident Poster Presentations at the MNACEP Emergency Medicine Summit

MNACEP is excited to announce that we will be holding resident poster presentations for the first time at the 2026 MNACEP Emergency Medicine Summit on May 7, 2026, at the Union Depot in St. Paul.

Beginning December 1, 2025, we will accept poster submissions through our website, <https://mnacep.org/mnacep-poster-presentations/>. Poster FAQs are available on this webpage, so review the criteria and mark your calendar if you are interested in participating.

Poster topics being accepted include:

- Clinical Research
- Process Improvement
- Interesting Case Presentations

Submissions open December 1 and will close on December 31, with notification of selected posters being announced around February 1, 2026.



Congrats Grads! Keep Your Momentum with ACEP

Kudos to the 2025 graduates! As you enter the next phase of your emergency medicine career, renew your ACEP membership to stay connected with a community dedicated to your growth and success. Enjoy continued access to essential resources and support.

Fellows continue to pay candidate member dues for the duration of their extended training, and ACEP has significantly expanded the resources available to new attendings through our monthly package, available only to graduating residents for their first three years in practice. The exclusive new attending bundle has a total value of more than \$2,500 over 3 years but is available to graduating residents at the low rate of \$25/month.

This offer ends December 1, 2025, so sign up today!

[Renew today](#) and be part of a thriving future with ACEP.

CDC Launches Free Alpha-Gal Syndrome Training with Continuing Education for Healthcare Professionals

To help increase awareness of [alpha-gal syndrome](#) (AGS) and more rapidly diagnose patients in the United States, CDC just released a [new free online training module](#) for healthcare providers (HCPs), epidemiologists, and public health officials. The training includes opportunities for FREE continuing education in seven professional categories—CME, CNE, CEU, AAPA, CECH, AAVSB/RACE, CPE, and CPH—providing educational credit for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, veterinarians, nurses, epidemiologists, public health professionals, educators, and health communicators. Key learning objectives include:

- Describing the epidemiology Identifying clinical characteristics
 - Describing appropriate diagnostic testing
 - Promoting appropriate management
 - Explaining tick bite prevention and its importance in preventing and managing the disease
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Clinical Corner

Reminder: Clinical Case Submissions Are Encouraged!

Minnesota ACEP continues to accept clinical case submissions for our quarterly newsletter. We're excited to feature our first case in this edition and invite you to share your own. If you have an interesting case—whether it's a unique diagnosis, a challenging treatment, or a noteworthy patient outcome—please submit it using the form here: [Submit Your Case](#). Your contribution helps highlight key clinical insights and fosters learning within our community. We look forward to showcasing more of the incredible work being done in our field!

[Submit a Case](#)

Fewer Than Half of ER Visits Covered by Physician-Owned Practices

Most emergency department visits are staffed by physicians employed by health systems or private equity-owned staffing groups, according to a first-of-its-kind analysis of physician group market share by ownership structure [published by *Annals of Emergency Medicine*](#).

[Learn More](#)

American Board of Emergency Medicine Elects New Executive Committee Members

ABEM recently announced their newly elected President and Board of Directors. The new leadership includes:

- James Thomas, MD - President
- Felix K. ankel, MD - President - Elect
- Yvette Calderon, MD, MS - Secretary-Treasurer
- Diane L. Gorgas, MD - Immediate Past President
- Kim M. Feldhaus, MD - At-Large Member
- Suzanne R. White, MD, MBA - At-Large Member

[Click here to view the press release on the newly elected leadership.](#)

Save The Date - 2026 EM Summit



On **May 7, 2026**, the MNACEP will host its Emergency Medicine Summit at the beautifully restored Union Depot in St. Paul.

Set beneath soaring vaulted ceilings and in a space infused with historic charm, the symposium promises a blend of cutting-edge lectures, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities—all shaped with input from members to tailor topics, hands-on sessions, and social events for maximum impact

Mayo - Level 1 Geriatric Emergency Department

Accreditation!

On July 7, Mayo's Department of Emergency Medicine became the **first Level 1 accredited Geriatric ED in Minnesota**—one of only 25 worldwide. This achievement reflects three years of work and sets a new standard for the region.

Unlike Level 3 sites, which require one champion and a single QI project, Level 1 accreditation demands multiple champions and 20 ongoing projects. With 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day, this milestone will catalyze innovation in geriatric emergency medicine across Minnesota, providing a model for other EDs to follow.

If you want to learn more about Geriatric Emergency Care nationally check out the [Geriatric ED Collaborative](#) and [Geriatric Emergency Care Research Network](#).

ACEP Names New Executive Director

The ACEP Board of Directors has selected **Michael Fraser, PhD, MS, CAE**, as our next Executive Director. Michael brings a wealth of experience in association management and health policy, and will officially begin his role on November 1.

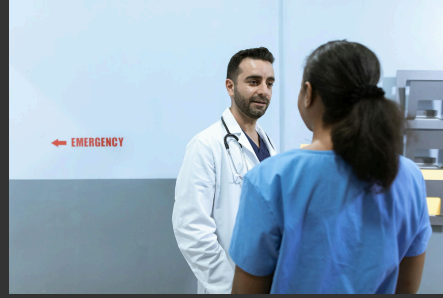
His recent leadership roles include serving as CEO of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), CEO at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), and Executive Vice President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. Throughout his career, Michael has led with a collaborative, values-driven approach and a deep respect for the clinicians and members he serves.



Join the Movement

Become a member of Minnesota ACEP and contribute to the growth of emergency medicine in the region.

[Learn more](#)



Together, we can lead as a proactive and influential presence in the field of emergency medicine in Minnesota.



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