

ACEP Update & Strategic Plan



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ACEP Strategic Plan

Goal 1 – Reform and Improve the Delivery System for Emergency Care

- A. Develop and promote delivery models that provide effective and efficient emergency medical care in different environments.
- B. Promote quality and patient safety, including development and validation of quality measures.
- C. Pursue strategies for ensuring fair payment and practice sustainability.
- D. Develop and implement solutions for workforce issues that promote and sustain quality and patient safety.
- E. Achieve meaningful liability reform at the state and federal level.
- F. Communicate the value of emergency medicine as an important component of the health care system.

Reform & Improve the Delivery System

Objective A

Develop and promote delivery models that provide effective and efficient emergency medical care in different environments.

- Why?
- Health care in the US is expensive.
- Facing a tsunami of rising expense with the aging population under Medicare and the expansion of Medicaid.
- EM seen as a problem

Delivery Models for Effective and Efficient Care in Different Environments

ED as an Island

- ED is focused primarily on efficiency and myopically concerned with acute care episode only
- ED and hospital at large provide ED care as separate from larger care continuum

ED as a Bridge

- ED is intrinsically connected to entire health care enterprise and focused on items beyond efficiency
- ED collaborates to help prevent readmissions, avoid preventable admissions and promote care coordination

Delivery Models for Effective and Efficient Care in Different Environments

- Transitions of care
- Care coordination and case management
- ACOs
 - *how do we fit?*
- Promote palliative and hospice care where appropriate
 - *EOL, POLST*
- Observation services
- Reduce boarding and patient throughput

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Objective B

Promote quality and patient safety, including development and validation of quality measures.

- Work with ABEM – Part II of MOC (Patient Safety) and Part IV of MOC (Performance Improvement Module)
- Psychiatric bed availability
- Prescription opioid abuse
- Eliminate drug shortages

Promote Quality and Patient Safety

- Office of Emergency Care Research (OECR) at the NIH
- Emergency Medicine Practice Research Network (EMPRN)
- Public health initiatives
 - *Firearm injury prevention, motor vehicle safety*
- Educational offerings and resources

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Objective C

Pursue strategies for ensuring fair payment and practice sustainability.

- Repeal SGR
- Amend Affordable Care Act to eliminate IPAB
- Work with states to fight Medicaid cuts
- Continue effective work at the AMA RUC meetings

Ensuring Fair Payment

- Promote Value of Emergency Medicine
 - *Shift Conversation from Cost to Value*
- Monitor and provide support on Balance Billing and OON issues
- Identify and promote best practices for fair payment and evolving payment methodologies
- Affect of ACA on unreimbursed care
 - *e.g. Medicaid expansion, state health insurance exchanges*

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Objective D

Develop and implement solutions for workforce issues that promote and sustain quality and patient safety.

- Protect GME funding
- Greater use of Advance Practice Providers – PAs and NPs
- Telemedicine
- Use of scribes
- Training for rural and non-EP providers
- Regionalization

Workforce Issues

Trends to Monitor:

- Urgent Care Centers
- Freestanding EDs
- Retail Clinics
- Employment of EPs

Q & A

Thank You!