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President's Message Brian M. Trimmer, MD, FACEP

I hope the summer is treating everyone well. NVACEP has most recently been working on our chapter organization. This fall we will be having an election for our chapter's open board positions.

The Chapter Board consists of President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Director 1-position, Rural Director 1-position, Resident Representatives 3-positions, and Immediate Past President. The Board of Directors are elected by the Chapter members. The positions that are up for election are: President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Director (1-position), and Rural Board of Director (1-position).

If you are interested in becoming part of the Nevada Chapter Board or have been involved in the past and would like to run for an open position, please [send](#) your current curriculum vitae to the chapter. Your CV can be sent via [email here](#) and use our [candidate form](#) to answer a few questions about your interest. Your CV and candidate form should be submitted on or before midnight on (DATE). All members of the Nevada ACEP Chapter are welcome to and encouraged to run for an open position. If you would like more details about each open position, just send an [email](#) and we will get you the information.

I know everyone is busy and joining the NVACEP board may sound like a big undertaking, but the time commitment is not onerous and your involvement will be rewarding. Expect an email soon from the executive management team with additional details.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone at [ACEP22](#) in San Francisco.

August Climate Change
John D. Anderson, MD, FACEP

As summer peaks, we as emergency physicians in Nevada are all too familiar with treating medical complications from excessive heat. From simple heat exhaustion to serious heat stroke, it seems our temperatures continue to climb and the refrain “record highs” in weather reports is common.

Understanding the impacts of the changing climate as a health risk is important for those dedicated to public health.



In fact, a Lancet commission has described climate change as the “greatest health opportunity of the 21st century”.¹ Climate change has important effects on public health, and it can be politically controversial. As physicians, our primary interest in the topic can move beyond the common debates of economic growth or human impact on climate change. Our interest lies in the health of our patients, and no matter the primary cause of our changing climate, the effect on human health is quite real.

Locally, both in Nevada and the American West as a whole, climate change is already impacting public health. To be clear, climate change does not necessarily mean global warming. Rather, and perhaps even more consequential, it means more weather extremes. In Northern Nevada, 2017-2018 was both the hottest summer and one of the wettest years on record.² As a result, there were catastrophic floods and likely some changes in vector borne illnesses, such as the surge in West Nile virus cases. With floods and other similar extreme local weather events such as wildfires, there are both short term and long-term public health implications. There is an immediate stress to rescue, trauma and emergency medical services. And subsequently there is an increase in infectious disease, as well as impacts from displaced populations and damaged infrastructure.

Regarding Nevada’s hottest year on record, it is well established the impact of extreme heat and mortality, especially in those with chronic medical conditions. In fact, data suggests that for every 1.8°F (1°C) increase in summer temperature the death rate for the geriatric population with chronic conditions increases 2.8-4.0%-- independent of any other variables. Additionally, for every 1.8°F increase, the death rate increases 4.0% for those with diabetes, 3.8% for those with previous heart attack, 3.7% for those with chronic lung disease, and 2.8% for those with heart failure.³

So what can we do? The first step is understanding the problem. There are many reliable resources and the book *Enviromedics*, written by two emergency medicine

doctors, Jay Lemery and Paul Auerbach, is a good place to start. We can then use our perspective as physicians to help policy makers and the general public understand the medical and public health consequences of climate change with both our voice and our vote. And finally, we can rely on our compassion for helping others as we make our own individual choices in our daily lives.

1) Watts N. et al. Health and Climate Change: Policy Responses to Protect Public Health. *Lancet* 386, no 10006 (2015): 1861-1914.

2) [Reno Gazette Journal](#). Accessed 7/31/2022

3) Zanobetti, A et al. Summer Temperature Variability and Long Term Survival among Elderly People with Chronic Disease. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 109, no 17 (2012)

Adriana's Corner Know Before you Go!

If you are planning to attend [ACEP22](#) in San Francisco. Find information about the COVID protocols [here](#). Your safety & health matters to us!

Welcome Members!

A special welcome to the new members of the Nevada Chapter and to those that renewed their membership. Please [reach out](#) if you would like to become involved at the chapter level, including leadership opportunities.

We are excited to have you!

Brittiany Narvaez, MD	Jessica Paige Yeager
Brooke Minetto	John Rushton, MD
Christopher John Hudson, MD	Joshua E. F Pascoe, DO
Dominic DiPrinzio, DO	Krystal L. Turgiss, MD
Eric Hall, DO	Lauren M. Cantwell, MD
Hannah Nguyen, DO	Martin Gordon Larsen, DO
Heerod Malekghassemi	Matthew Cox, DO
Ina Kim, MD	Matthew D. Robichaud, MD
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Jaron Fowers, DO	Seung Joon Hwang

FROM NATIONAL ACEP

ACEP Resources & Latest News

New Monkeypox Emergency Medicine Project Requests Case Images

ACEP has partnered with VisualDx to create the [Monkeypox Emergency Medicine Project](#). Together we are asking you to contribute your confirmed monkeypox case images to the initiative. Images will be deidentified and made freely accessible to ACEP members to better assist recognition, clinical care, and education. It will also be available within the VisualDx system. [Learn more.](#)

More Monkeypox Resources: We are regularly updating our [Monkeypox Field Guide](#) and providing weekly rundowns in the [Emerging Threats Communication Hub](#), an open discussion forum for all ACEP members.

Current Insurer Calculation of Qualified Payment Amount for Out-of-Network (OON) Care May Violate No Surprises Act

A new study indicates health insurers are trying to game the system again. [Learn more.](#)

Apply for ACEP's Reimbursement Leadership Development Program by Sept. 8. ACEP is sponsoring three members to attend several key events in order to train the future leaders in EM reimbursement. Commitment is estimated at 25 days of travel during the 18-month program. [Learn more.](#)

Advocacy at Home: August Recess Toolkit

Elected officials are heading back to their districts for the month and our [Advocacy At Home: August Recess Toolkit](#) can help you set and prepare for local meetings with federal legislators or staff. This is a great time to share your stories that personalize our calls for policy changes. Find this toolkit and more helpful resources for speaking with media and legislators in [ACEP's Media Hub](#).

Get Your Bike Helmet Ready! Dr. and Lady Glaucomflecken are Speaking at ACEP22

Don't miss these social media sensations as they share their perspectives about the physician, patient and family experience. Join us Oct. 1-4 in San Francisco for the [world's largest EM educational conference!](#)

ACEP22 Travel Discounts You Need to Know About

- Hotels: Seven ACEP22 hotels have [recently discounted rates](#) for you! If you already booked through OnPeak, your rates will be automatically lowered. If not, you can still book with these discounted rates.
- Airfare: ACEP + TripEasy = [savings up to 20% off flights](#)

Myth BustED: Patients' Rights in the Emergency Department

ACEP recently launched a "Myth BustED" video series to debunk common misconceptions and educate the public about emergency care. In our first video—[Patients' Rights in the Emergency Room](#)—Dr. Avir Mitra educates patients about laws like EMTALA and the Prudent Layperson Standard that protect access to emergency care. [Watch now to see how ACEP is encouraging patients to always seek care when they need it.](#)

New Bedside Tool for Patients Experiencing Cancer Immunotherapy-related Issues

ACEP has a new point-of-care tool, ImmunoTox, focused on caring for patients who are experiencing adverse events related to cancer immunotherapy. The pathway includes history/physical, testing, management, disposition and immunotherapy pearls. The tool also includes six PDFs for optional download. [Learn more.](#)

Introducing the EM Opioid Advisory Network

Receive clinical guidance, discover tools and resources, and get your questions answered through ACEP's EM Opioid Advisory Network. ACEP's new initiative connects emergency physicians combating the opioid crisis with expert advice on managing Opioid Use Disorder patients presenting in the ED, creating a protocol to initiate buprenorphine, and more. The expert panel is here to help ALL emergency health care professionals, free of charge. [Learn more.](#)

ACEP is seeking comments on a **draft clinical policy for patients with suspected appendicitis.** [Weigh in.](#)

Podcast: Have you checked out the [newest Frontline podcast](#) episode featuring EM physician and astronaut Dr. Thomas Marshburn?

Now Accepting ACEP23 Course Proposals

As we start our countdown to ACEP22 in San Francisco, we're already thinking about ACEP23 in Philadelphia! ACEP's Educational Meetings Subcommittee is now accepting course proposals for the 2023 Scientific Assembly. [Learn more.](#)

In Memoriam: [ACEP remembers emergency medicine pioneer Jim Roberts, MD, FACEP.](#) One of the first five board-certified emergency medicine physicians, Dr. Roberts became a household name in our specialty through his authorship of *Clinical Procedures in Emergency Medicine and Acute Care*, a prominent book that printed seven editions.

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

October 1-4: ACEP Scientific Assembly in San Francisco

October 17-22: [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\)](#)

November 11: Last day to submit [ACEP23 course proposals](#)

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