

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
Sports Medicine Section
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 3, 2018
9:30 am – 10:30 am
Grand Hyatt, 3rd Floor, Seaport Tower, Mission Beach B Room
San Diego, CA

Participants

Participating in all or part of the meeting along with other members of the Section were the Section officers: Anna Waterbrook, MD, FACEP; A.J. Monseau, MD, FACEP; Chris Guyer, MD, FACEP; Jeff Feden, MD, FACEP; Jim Ellis, MD, FACEP; Jolie Holschen, MD, FACEP; Melissa Leber, MD, FACEP; Christopher Hogrefe, MD, FACEP; Allison Lane, MD, FACEP; William Denq, MD, Calvin Hawg, MD, FACEP.

Others participating: Darrin Scheid, CAE, Senior Marketing Manager.

Major Points Discussed

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Fun Run

Dr. Waterbrook thanked participants who ran in the Fun Run earlier in the day and said the success of this event probably will ensure that something similar is considered for ACEP19 in Denver.

List Serve and EngagED

Dr. Waterbrook informed the group that they should have received an email through the list serve that invites all Section members to sign up for ACEP's new platform, EngagED. Many said they had not received such an email or link. After a few questions from the group about this new platform, Dr. Kevin Klauer said the Board of Directors has been using it for a few weeks and they have found it to be easy to use and better than the Listserve. For those who hadn't received the link, Dr. Waterbrook said she would make sure they get it and can sign up.

Equipment Discussion

Members discussed the challenges of making sure both home and visiting teams, particularly at the professional level, meet the standards necessary for athlete care. It was suggested that a physician attend the next meeting of NHL Executives and make sure there's a protocol in place and standards for what each physician is responsible for. It was pointed out that, often times, athletes are treated in less than ideal situations depending on the severity of the injury. There are different rules for different teams, which can also be a challenge. For example, some doctors cover games and carry their own bag. Others don't, expecting treatment tools and resources to be available and appropriate.

New Website

Dr. Waterbrook announced that ACEP's new website is live, which means the Section has a new area for content. She reminded members that there needs to be a content strategy to keep the area fresh.

Airway Discussion

Members discussed that NFL sideline airway physicians have variability of experiences in different locations and different levels. All agreed that we are highly skilled in difficult airways and as such are

likely the best choice of docs for airway duties. It was brought up that the relationship with the team needs to be planned out ahead of time as most airway physicians are contracted to be there only for the situation of a life-threatening airway or cardiovascular incident. Airway docs are not usually providing care for athletes for general medical or orthopedic issues since those duties are performed by the team physicians. Dr. Monseau pointed out that, for hockey, Dr. Jolie Holschen has a wealth of experience in game coverage in the US and internationally, so members should reach out to her with specific hockey questions.

Visiting Team Medical Liaisons

Members discussed the need for head, neck and spine doctors at sports teams to work more closely with emergency physicians. As is the case with some NFL teams, the entire medical staff has a pre-game meeting to make sure everybody is on the same page and at least knows each other and their specialties.

Announcements

Dr. Waterbrook announced upcoming emergency medicine meetings.

Presentation by Melissa Leber, MD

Dr. Leber offered some insight and images into what it's like to serve as an emergency physician on duty at the U.S. Open.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.