



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Emergency Telemedicine Section
Monday, October 17, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Dr. Gross began the meeting by thanking outgoing Chair, Robert Galli, MD, FACEP for his service and dedication to the section. He also noted the section's growth to more than 216 members (as of July 2016).

Council Report

Dr. Gross reported that 31 resolutions were submitted and none were relevant to telemedicine. He also notified the section of ACEP's new President-Elect, Paul D. Kivela, MD, MBA, FACEP.

Telemedicine Practice Guidelines Grant

In June 2016, the ACEP Board of Directors approved funding for the Telemedicine Section to develop an Emergency Telemedicine Practice Guideline Document. Dr. Guyette informed the section members that the goal of this project over the next year is to:

1. Define the role of telemedicine in the care of the acute episodic patient.
2. Initiate development of telemedicine practice guidelines for emergency (acute episodic care) telemedicine.

The chief deliverable for this grant is the development a document that defines Emergency Telemedicine Quality Metrics, based on the section's current working document on Quality Metrics framework for Emergency Telemedicine. He plans to use the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Framework as a model for developing quality metrics.

Telemedicine Advocacy

Dr. Galli met with several Federal lawmakers to discuss how emergency telemedicine services can positively impact patient care in both rural and urban areas, as well other key issues, such as reimbursement and generating cost savings, treating patients with mental health/substance use issues, and support for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).



ACEP member Dr. Robert Galli met with legislators Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Congressman Gregg Harper (R-MS), and Congressman Mike Thompson (R-PA) to discuss telemedicine issues

Dr. Gross informed the section of the following:

- In November 2016, Dr. Galli is going on a trip to South Dakota to speak with Native American tribes about establishing a telemedicine network.
- NQF convened a Multistakeholder Committee which is charged with determining quality measures and guidelines for evaluating telehealth programs across the country. They have appointed Emergency Physician and Telemedicine Section member, Judd Hollander, MD, FACEP as a member of the committee.

2016-2017 Section Goals & Objectives

Dr. Gross shared 2016-2017 Section Goals & Objectives for the section which are to:

- Appoint a Telemedicine Representative to EMRA
- Submit course proposals for ACEP 2018

2016 Telemedicine Election Timeline

Dr. Gross reminded the section that the following positions are available:

- Chair-Elect / Councilor
- Alternate Councilor
- Secretary
- Newsletter Editor
- Website Editor



The section was also reminded of the timeline below:

- Friday, October 28 - Deadline for all nominations and self-nominations
- Monday, October 31 - Online voting begins
- Tuesday, November 8 - Online voting ends
- Wednesday, November 9 – Election results are announced

Candidates were asked to submit a bio, CV, and headshot to Dainsworth Chambers dchambers@acep.org no later than Friday, October 28th.